

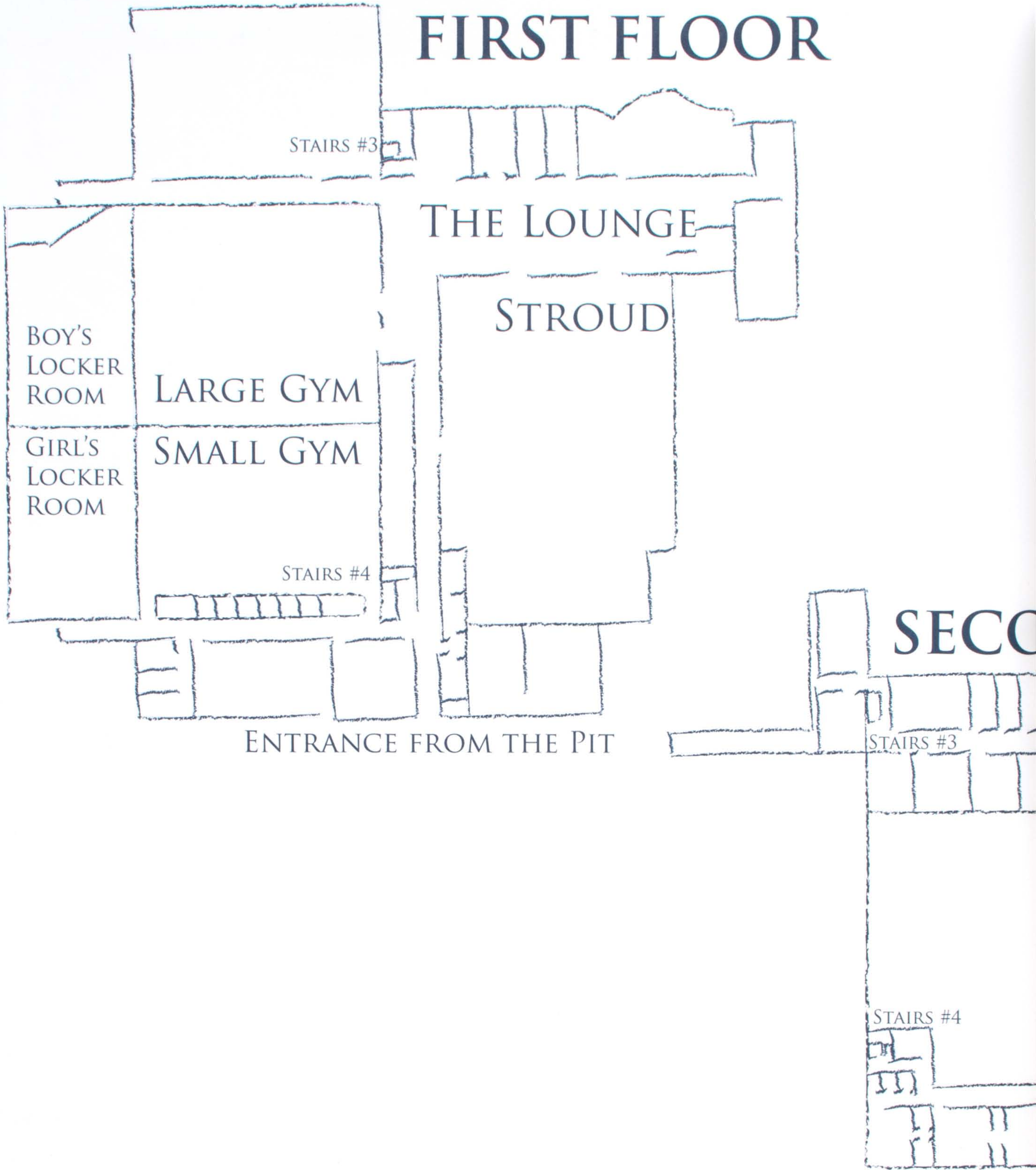


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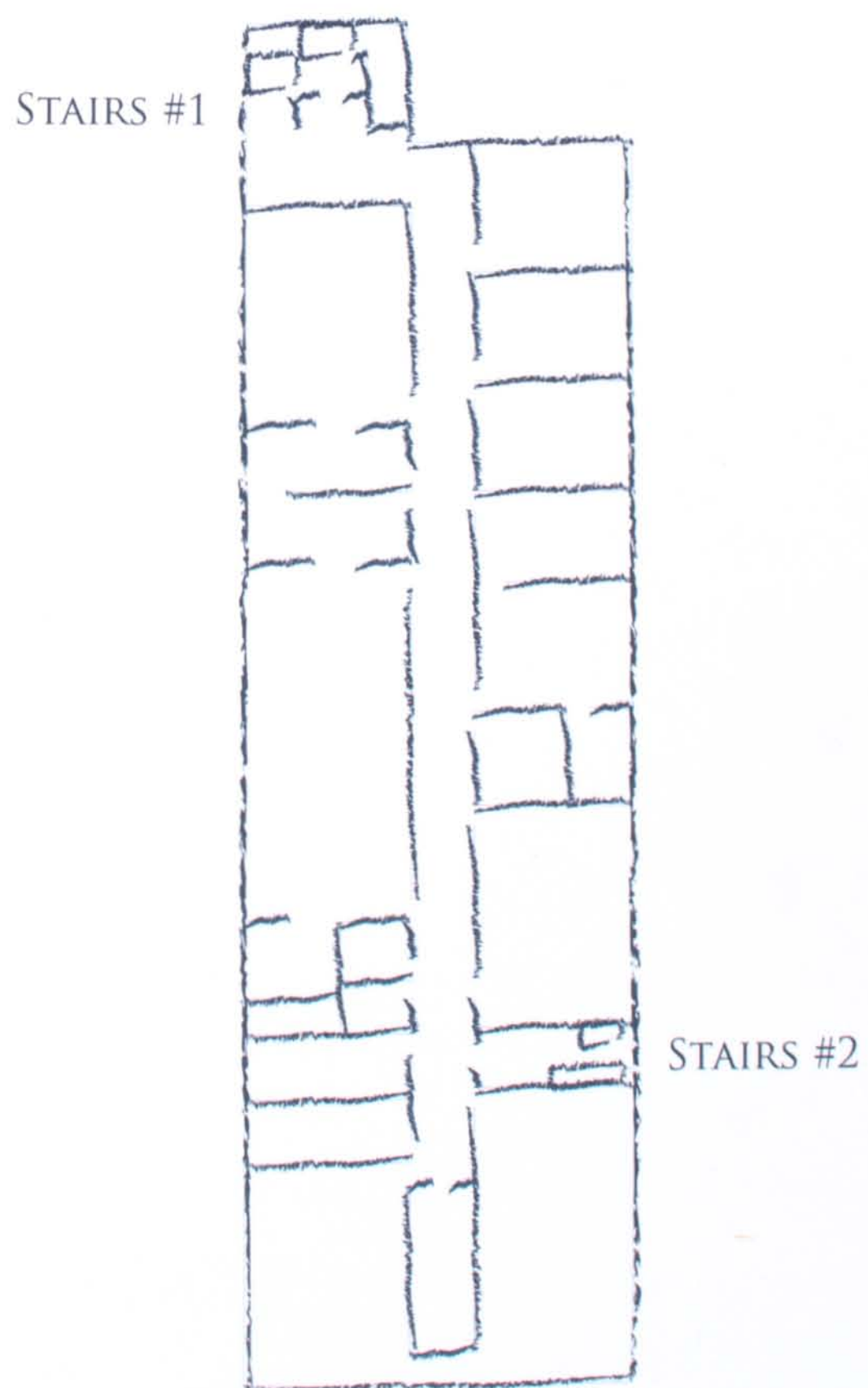
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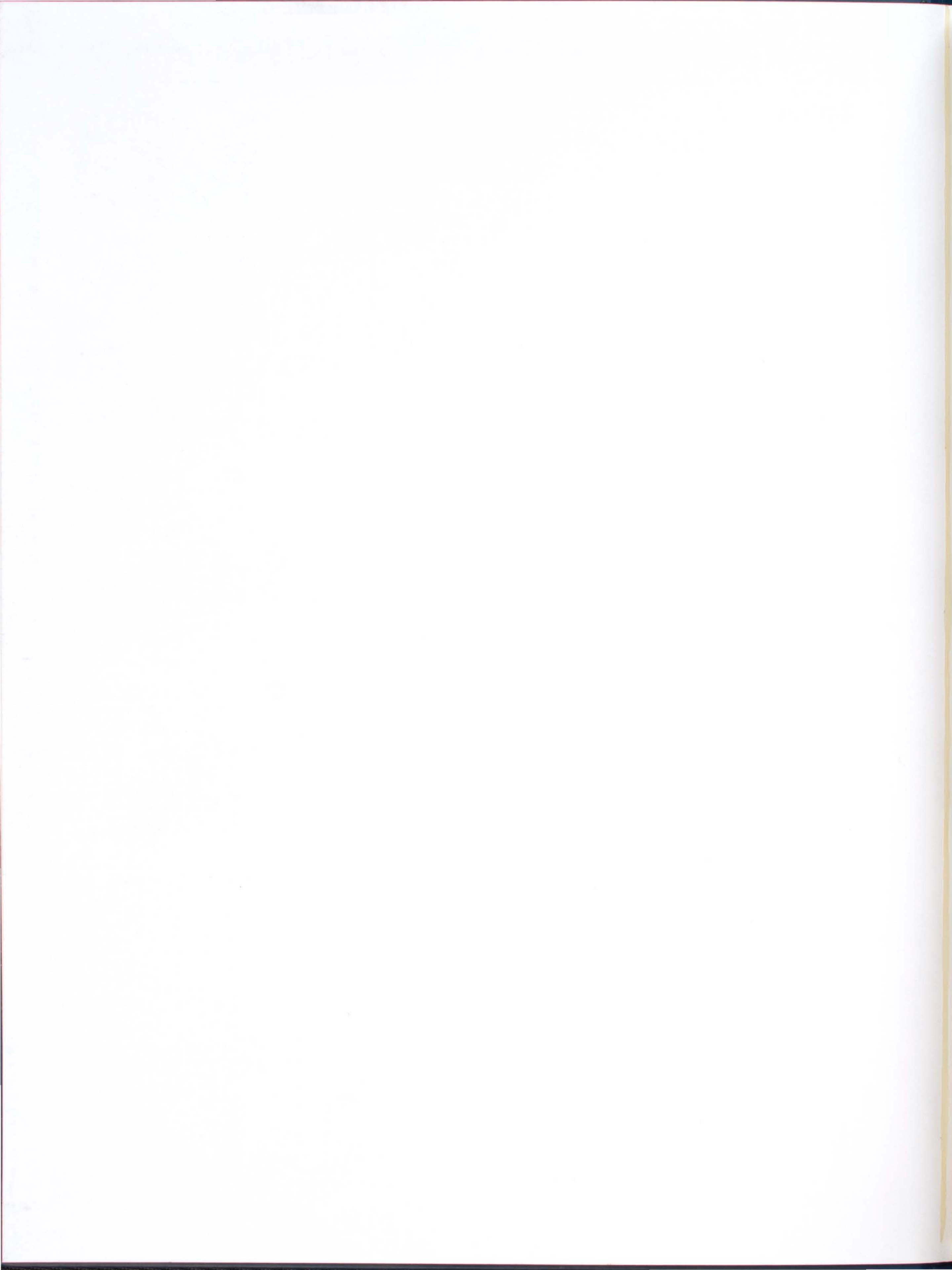
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FINISHING TOUCHES

With the new library finally renovated, students are introduced to new features.

By: Alyssa Humphreys

Walk into a library any day of the week. Most people would expect to see people quietly reading their favorite book or studying for a test. At U-High, thanks to the renovation of the library, students do many other things as well.

Students can now use the library for a wide range of school related activities. Of course, reading and studying are great things to do in the library, but now students can edit a video, or work on a group project at the same time. The new high tech library adds many great features available for student use, such as the quiet room for studying and the conference room for group work.

The library took a lot of work from many different people. Anita Beaman, the new librarian this year, said that a library committee planned the layout for over a year. They have visited other libraries, attended conferences, and discussed how they envisioned it. The renovation process began in late May 2006.

“Basically the whole process consisted of taking everything out of the library, and putting it all back together with brand new furniture,” librarian Marc Feaster said.

With new technology being invented everyday, it was obvious that the students had new needs.

“This library has been here since before computers were even invented. When we finally got computers, they were just crammed in somewhere. It really needed to be changed to find a place for new things,” Feaster said.

Although the librarians love their new workspace, they aren't the only ones who enjoy it. Junior Cheryl Liang said that she is very excited to have such a nice facility for student use.

“The library was getting very old and worn down. Now we have a lot of nice new things and it makes it much easier to work in a

group,” Liang said.

Librarians and students have noticed the library being used much more than in the past, but they are prepared to accommodate that.

“Having a nicer place means that we have more students and sometimes being busy can cause a problem. But our students are very well behaved so there have not been any big problems,” Beaman said.

Although the library has made great progress so far, there is still much more that needs to be done.

“I think that once it is completely done, it will be awesome. There are still some other things that we're working on like services for teachers and how we can better help the students,” Beaman said.

Students use the computers during their free hour.
Photo by Alyssa Humphreys
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Librarian Anita Beaman puts new books away. Photo by Alyssa Humphreys 1-17-07.
Photo of new Library by Alyssa Humphreys 1-17-07.



Students surf the web on the new computers. Photo by Rachel Solava 9-7-06.
Photo of the new quiet room and study area by Alyssa Humphreys 1-17-07.



STROUD [ACADEMICS]

Photo of Stroud Auditorium by Aaron Walker 2-2-07.

Photo of seniors Nick Endress and Joe Anhalt by Jake Gendron 1-23-07.



Photo of senior Kyle Erickson Dessa 12-6-06.



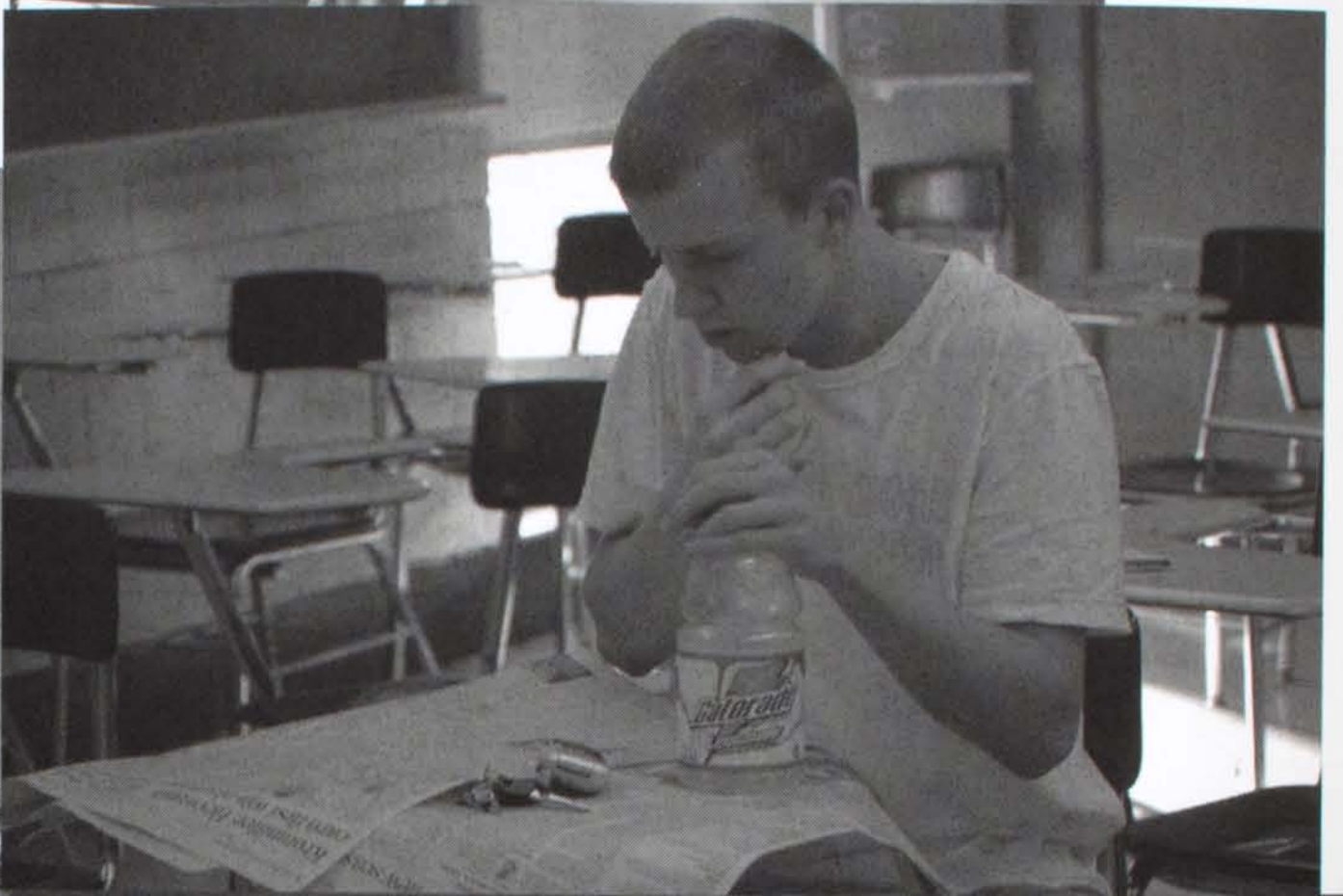
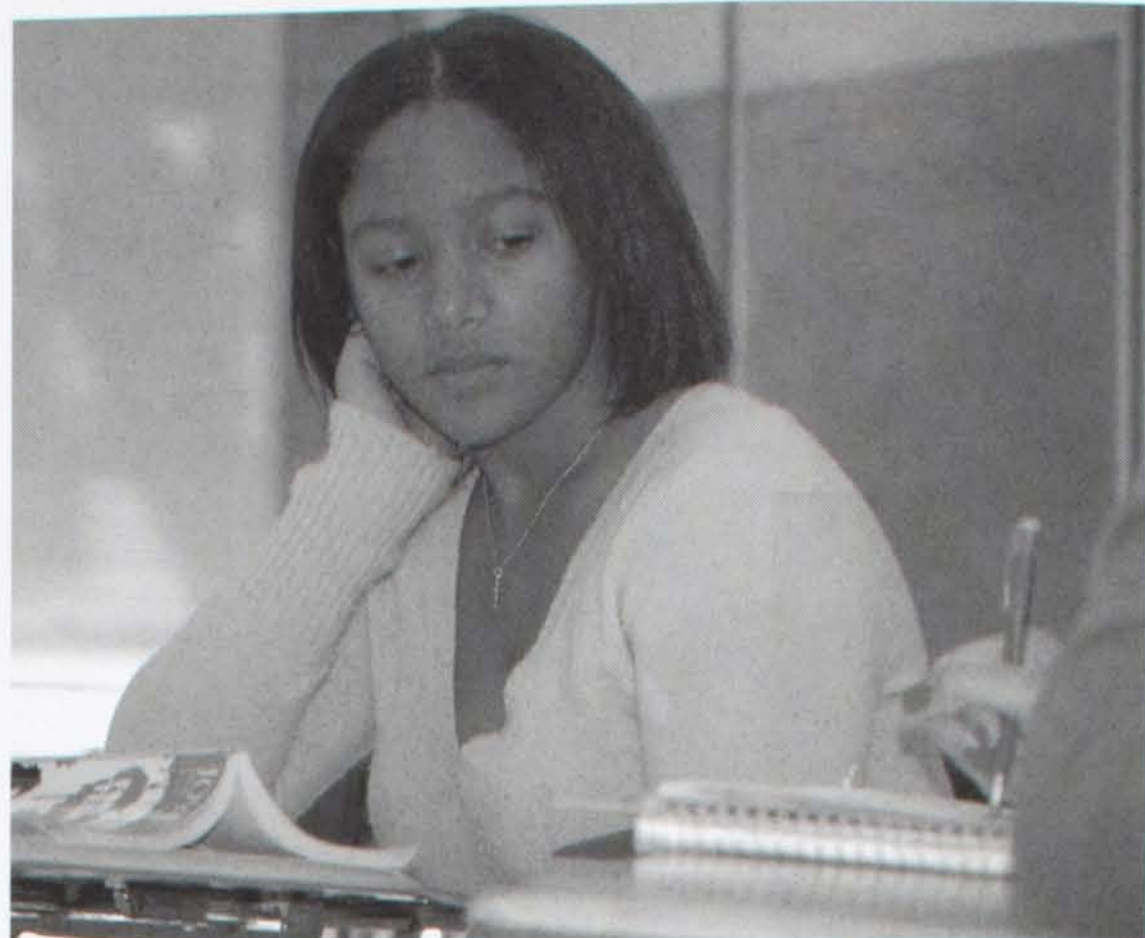
Photo of Madrigal singers by Matt Shrier 11-25-06. Photo of students in library by Alyssa Humphreys 1-17-07.



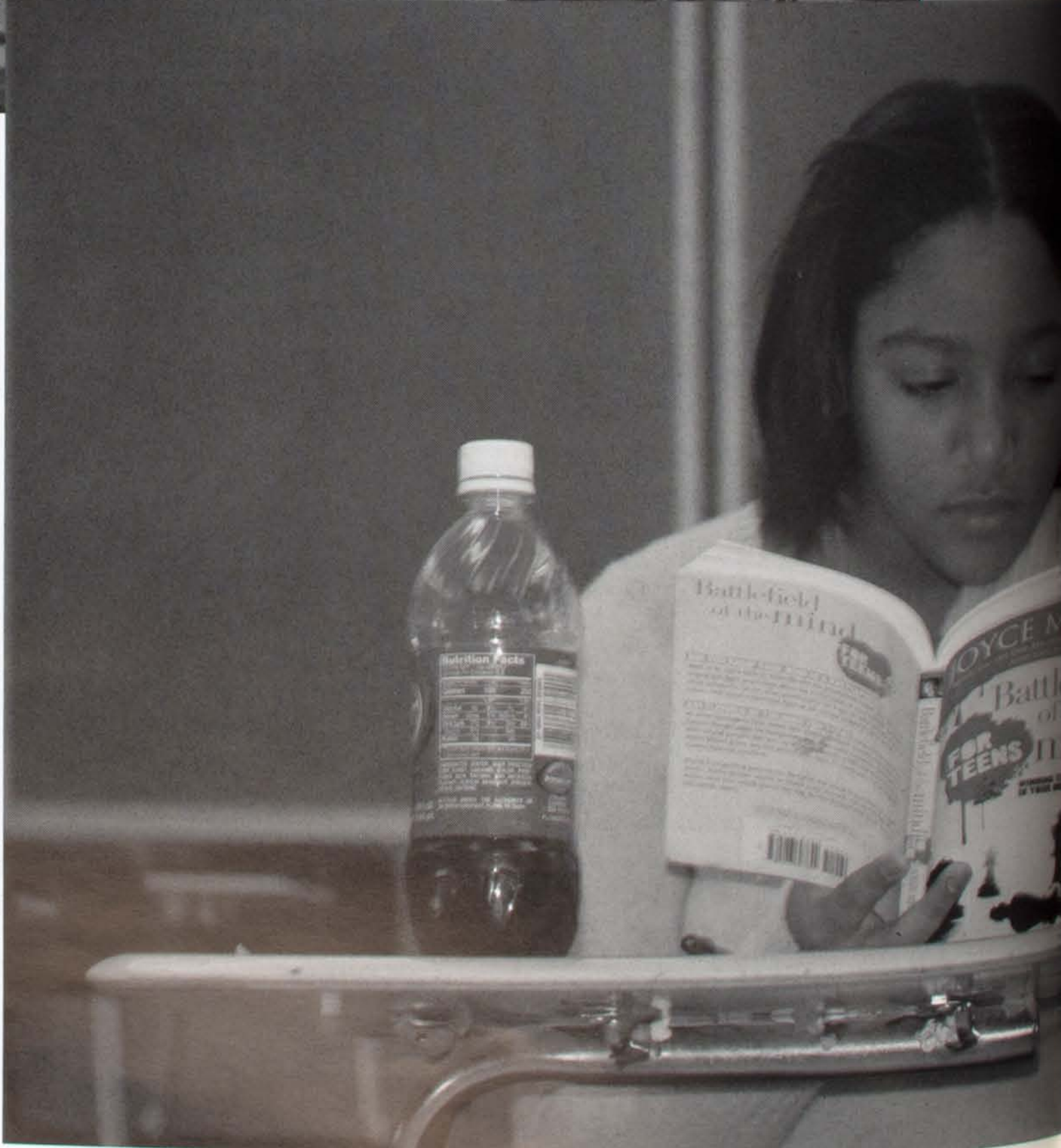
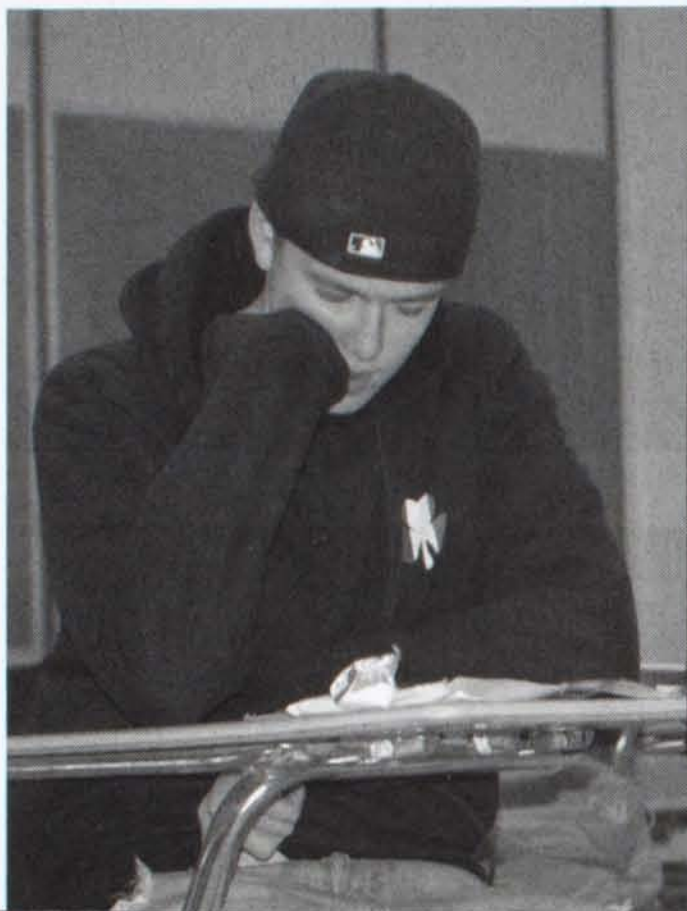
Senior Alyssa Hursey watches another student do homework during her Saturday school.

All Photos by Kaity Johnson 9-30-06.

Senior Aaron Burnett passes time away while reading the newspaper.



Senior Gordon Vayo tries to stay awake during his Saturday school. Senior Aaron Burnett reads about the local news.



Senior Alyssa Hursey reads a book during Saturday school.

TARDIES BRING TENSION

The tardy policy is being enforced and students do not feel it is fair.

By: Courtney McDowell

The new tardy policy has never been stricter at U-High. After three tardies a student will receive a detention, and after being late one more time, the student will be issued a Saturday school.

"I do feel the new policy is too harsh, but I also feel that the policy last year was too lenient," Assistant Principal Steve Wilder said.

Students who have never been to the principal's office before are serving detentions and Saturday schools for tardies. This year is the first year U-High has enforced such a strict tardy policy.

"I didn't expect the students to like the new rule and I don't like having to enforce it, but I have to do my job and my job is to make sure that students are on time to class," Wilder said.

Students such as senior Alyssa Hursey were very upset about the policy because she had to serve a Saturday school.

"I'm mad because the new principals are enforcing things that have never been enforced," Hursey said.

Although some students had to serve Saturday schools the administration felt that the policy was working. Having to be at school on Saturday seemed to teach students not to be tardy.

"I have not had to deal with a student being late again after serving

a Saturday school, but if the situation comes up I will have to evaluate it," Wilder said.

The two hours that the students were at Saturday school were put to good use by doing homework and reading. No matter what students were doing, all of them were in agreement that they would rather be somewhere else. Disliking Saturday school has helped to decrease the number of students who are tardy.

"Since last year, the number of tardies has decreased dramatically," Wilder said, "Last year there were 1060 tardies as compared to 550 this year in the same time period."

Although these students were forced into having a Saturday school, they are not totally opposed to the new policy but feel that the school should take some steps in helping them know when class is starting.

Hursey said instituting a bell for each hour, a system that other intercity schools use, would help students get to class on time and eliminate the need for this type of discipline in the future.

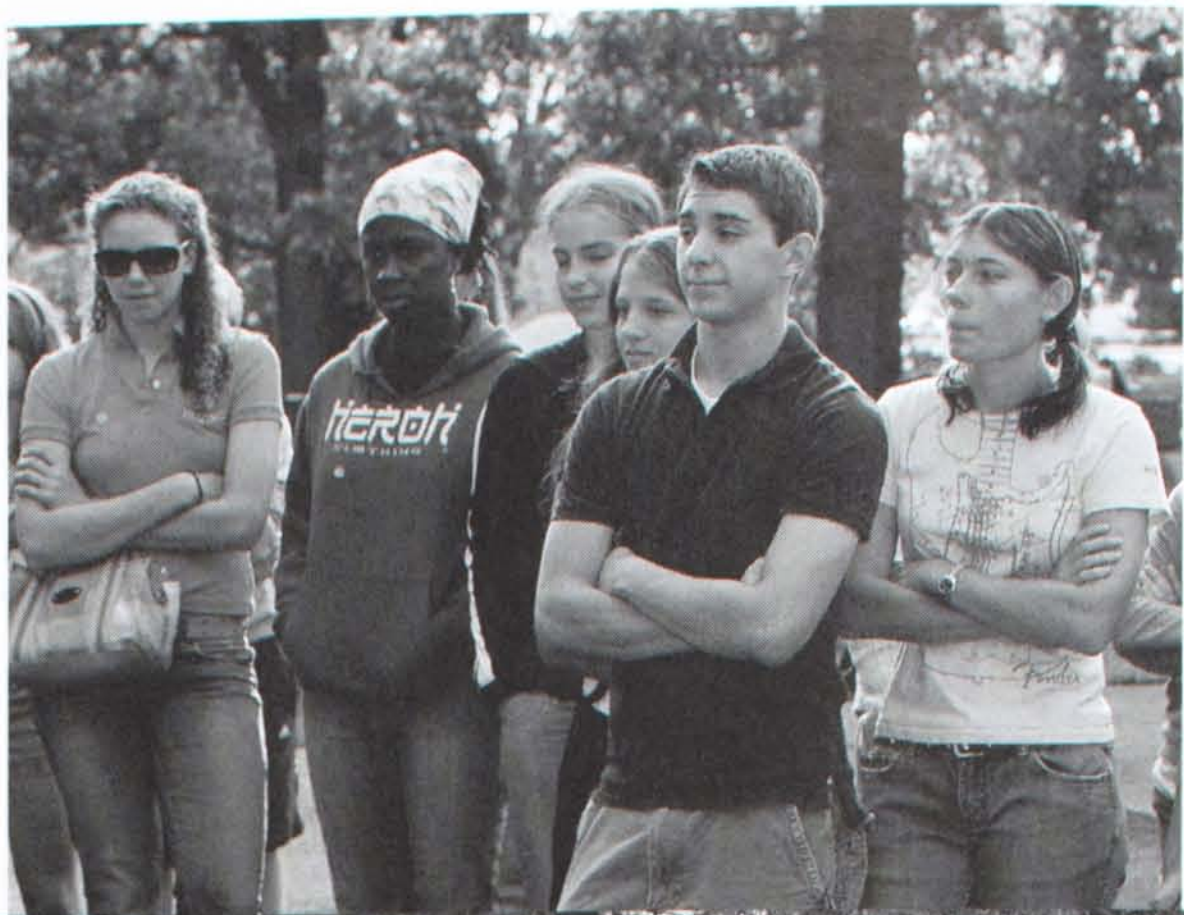
"The policy is so much different from last year. Last year it wasn't strict at all, and this year if you run late a couple of times there are big consequences. They need to meet somewhere in the middle," senior Gordon Vayo said.

"LAST YEAR THERE WERE 1060 TARDIES AS COMPARED TO 550 THIS YEAR IN THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME."

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
STEVE WILDER



Senior John Busch listens to an actor's performance. All Photos by Kate Dessa 10-3-06. Senior girls enjoy the few free minutes before their tour began.



An actress portrays the life of a Bloomington woman during the 20th century. A.P. Literature students intently listen during their walk.



Goodman Ferre, played by an actor, tells the tales of his life.



INSIGHT TO THE PAST

A.P. Language and Literature students walk through the past of Bloomington at the Evergreen Cemetery.

By: Michelle Eack

When most people visit the cemetery, they clutch tissues, not cameras and notebooks. This sight was not uncommon when 65 U-High AP English students piled off a school bus for a field trip to Evergreen Cemetery.

Illinois Voices Theatre professional actors portrayed people who contributed to Bloomington's history in this year's Voices from the Past

Evergreen Cemetery Discovery Walk. Eight former Bloomington residents are chosen randomly to be featured each year. Most of the characters lived around the turn of the 20th century.

"They always feature a diverse group of people from different time periods, races, and genders," AP Language teacher Kathy Clesson said. She particularly enjoyed the interesting sub-stories of each character.

More than 2,000 students attended the cemetery walk over the course of the week. This was made possible because of the 60 McLean County Museum of History researchers and volunteers that spent over 1,000 hours preparing for this annual event.

"I really liked Goodman Ferre's character. He was hysterical!" senior Hilary Baboukis said of one of the more animated characters who had been a wagon-maker and magistrate in the late 1800's.

Interaction with the audience

was one way that made the experience a lively one for the students. At one point, senior John Busch received a huge hug from Eva Jones, Bloomington's first black city council member, as she thanked the students for coming and listening to her life's story.

"The costumes, accents, and mannerisms of the characters really brought them to life," Busch said.

"YOU COULD REALLY SEE HOW THE CHARACTER'S PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE IN BLOOMINGTON WAS REFLECTED THROUGH THEIR STORIES."

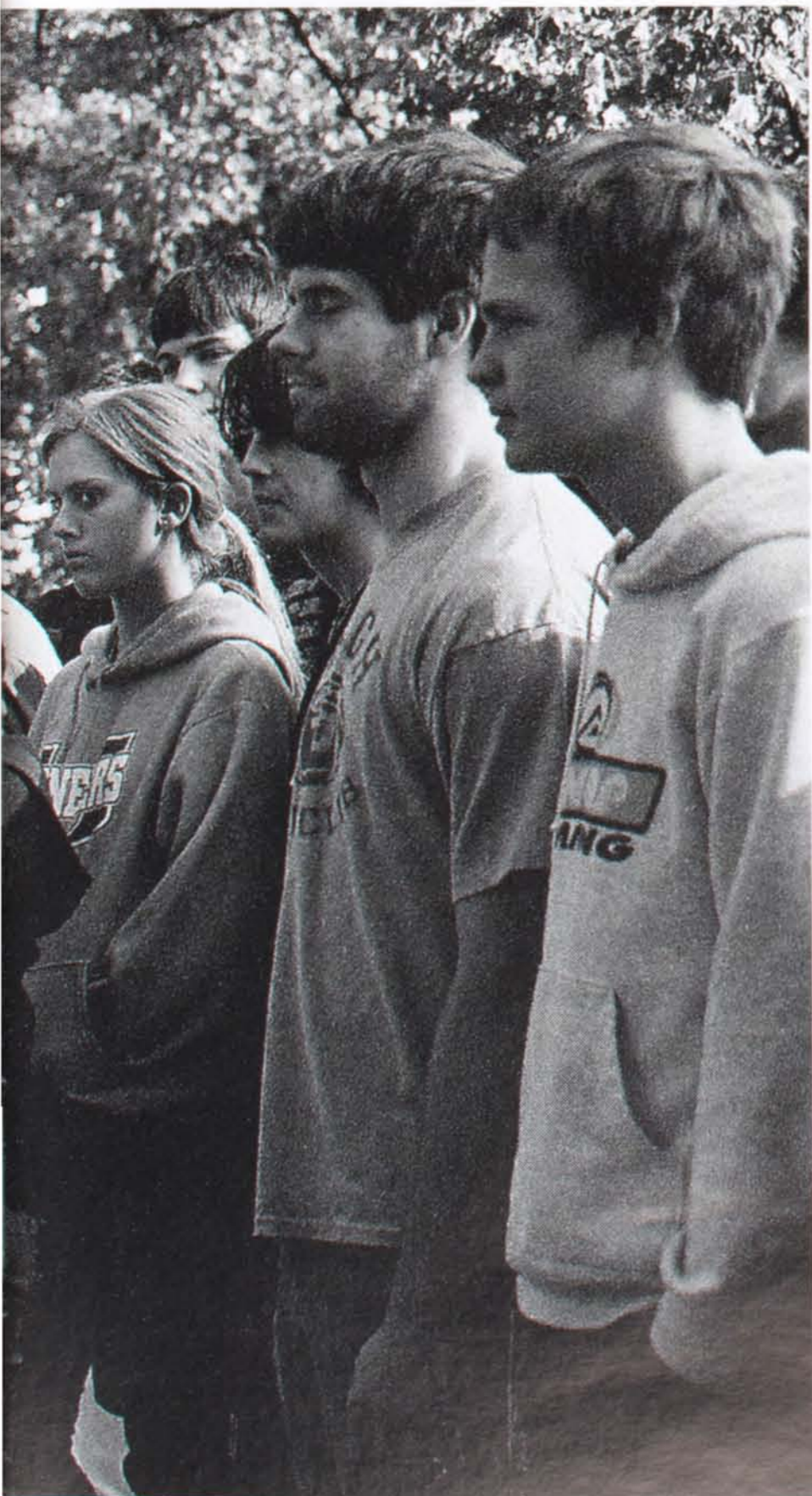
**SENIOR
HILARY BABOUKIS**

Clesson hopes that students can learn about the history of their community through the cemetery walk. She also hopes the students can make a connection with the people that came before them.

"You could really see the character's perspective on how life in Bloomington was reflected through their stories," Baboukis said.

Students in Clesson's AP Language class were studying Edgar Lee Master's collection of post-mortem autobiographical epitaphs of the fictional town of Spoon River, Illinois. They followed the field trip with a project in which they wrote their own epitaphs of the characters they had encountered on the cemetery walk.

"After seeing the actor's performances, I received the necessary background information to write my epitaph and I got an inside look to the people's lives," senior Stephanie Sidak said.



SAVING THE DAY

The two new athletic trainers adjust to the fast paced atmosphere that U-High athletics bring.

By: Alyssa Humphreys

At exactly 3 p.m. everyday, the trainer's room is filled with eager athletes ready to have their ankles taped, iced, or stretched for them. The two new trainers, Matt Moline and Stacie Feldman, are in the training room everyday after school until about 4 p.m. They do everything from taping ankles, to giving emergency care to athletes who have just been injured.

For Moline there are many perks of his job here at U-High. He loves being able to work with the coaches and athletes in the trainer's room. He also enjoys the atmosphere that U-High presents.

"Although I love working with all of those people, seeing an injured athlete return to his or her sport, and knowing that I had something to do with it is the best part of my job," Moline said.

The trainers have done their best this year to meet all of the athletes in need.

"The trainers told us that they are there if we ever need anything. That we can just come in and they will help us as best as possible," sophomore volleyball player Bridget Lam said.

Lam, who was in the trainer's room everyday after school with three torn ligaments in her hand and tendonitis in her shoulder and knee says that the trainers this year are very friendly and helpful.

"They don't try to be your doctor, they just try to get you back to your best condition and full potential as fast as possible," Lam said.

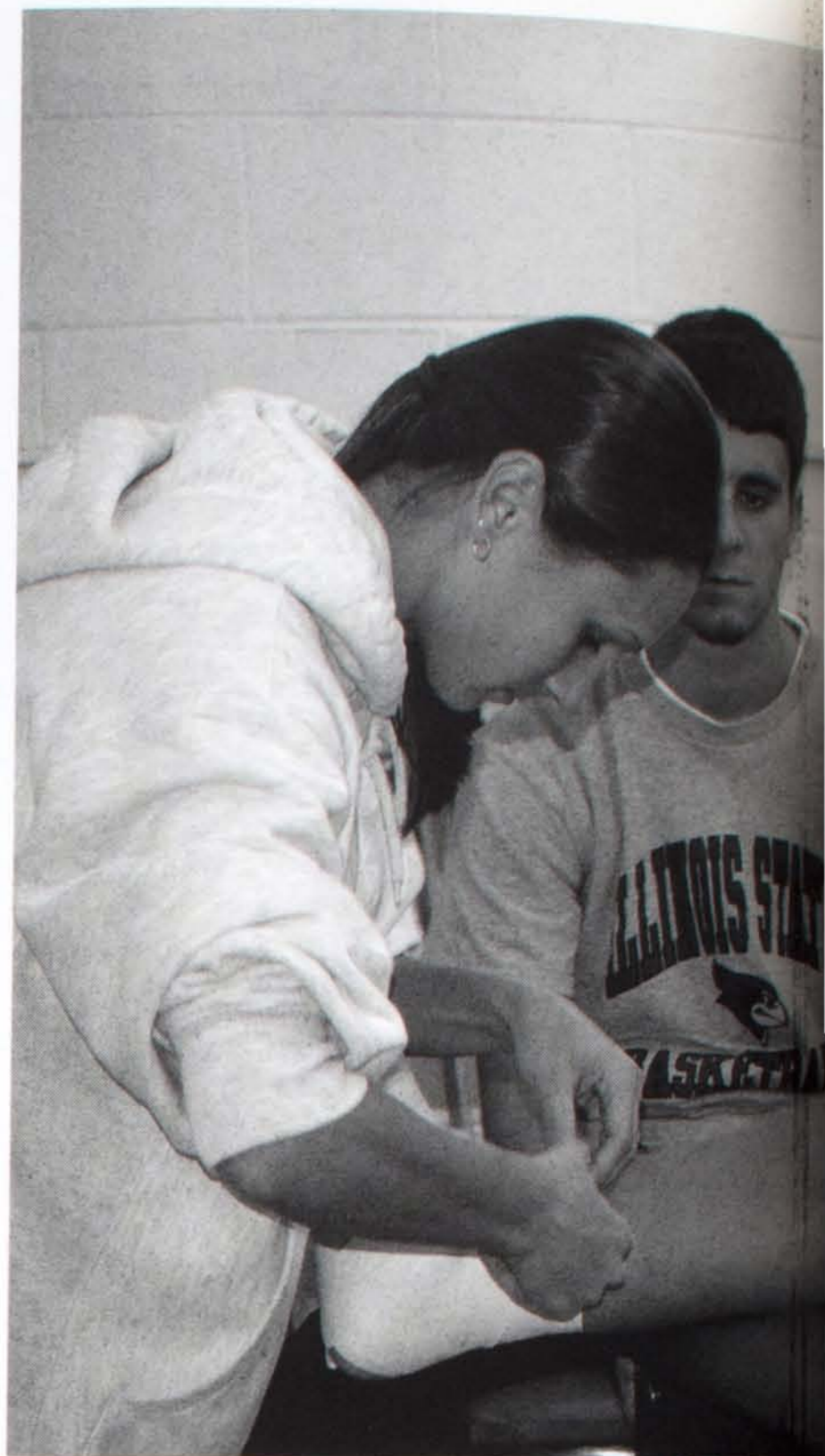
"THEY DON'T TRY TO BE YOUR DOCTOR, THEY JUST TRY TO GET YOU BACK TO YOUR BEST CONDITION AND FULL POTENTIAL AS FAST AS POSSIBLE."

**SOPHOMORE
BRIDGET LAM**

hard thing about being a trainer is the fast pace of the job.

"I like to call athletic training a 'hurry up and wait' kind of job. There are times I will sit around for hours and not do anything, and the next hour I am going non stop. Sometimes it can be very stressful," Moline said.

Moline knows that what he is doing is very beneficial. It is important for high school athletes to heal their bodies correctly to maintain future health.



Trainer Stacie Feldman tapes junior Cory Olsen's ankle as observers watch. Trainer Matt Moline tapes cross country runner's knee.



Feldman makes sue sophomore Ashley Petersen's finger is okay to play. All Photos by Kate Dessa10-10-06.



Moline re-wraps football player's ankle because the first time it was too tight. Feldman gives support to the arch of a cross country runner's foot.

Feldman wraps a volleyball player's foot.



MARCHING TO THE TOP

The band not only won their class but also took Grand Champion at the Mt. Zion Marching Music Games.

By: Lindsey Skaggs

Excitement rushed through the veins of the marching band members. They stayed composed as they waited for the champion of the Mt. Zion Marching Music Games to be named, to find that they had not only won their class, but taken Grand Champion. This was the first time band director Jason Landes had ever received the award.

"I knew we had a legitimate opportunity at Grand Champion, and the band really performed well together in all areas to win it," Landes said.

The band performed four pieces on the field and one in parade formation. The theme this year, music from Cirque du Soleil-Quidam, was both musically challenging and energizing, keeping the attention of audiences easily. The band grew to perform this show well, winning awards for best drum majors and percussion.

"It was a lot of work, but there was an awesome feeling when we won," senior drum major Sarah Ferry said.

The drum majors, keeping beat and conducting the band with complete control, had won "best drum majors" before, but this award combined with the many others added to the excite-

ment of the day.

"It can be nerve racking when performing, but we always pull off our show. I think that as a band we really performed the best that day," senior drum major Stephanie Sidak said.

"This is the first time we, as a band, have won Grand Champion and it really was an exciting feat."

Winning Grand Champion was

additionally important because of the number of times the band had come close to winning, but missed it.

"We have come within one or two points of being Grand Champion numerous times, so it was especially important to the

upperclassmen when we finally won," junior Jenny Morrow said.

The band put much time into their performances, not only practicing an hour every day during the class, but also Tuesday nights from six to nine. The extra time can be a burden, but for many, band is another opportunity to grow close to other students and create lasting friendships.

"Spending time with friends was definitely one of the best parts of band. Just riding on the bus to and from competitions was fun because there are so many people I like being around," Ferry said.

"IT WAS A LOT OF WORK, BUT THERE WAS AN AWESOME FEELING WHEN WE WON."

SENIOR SARAH FERRY





Sophomore
Delayne Durdle
plays in front of
the crowd on
homecoming.
Photo by Matt
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The band does the
wave during inter-
city. Photo by Kate
Dessa 8-25-06.



Senior Alyson
Brucker follows
the drum majors'
signals. Photo
by Kate Dessa
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Senior Mandi Le
marches under
the stadium lights.
Photo by Matt
Shrier 9-22-06.



Sophomore
Kristina Cooper
plays her flute
during halftime
at intercity.
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Sophomore Leigh Huff tried to comfort junior John Cooper during the play Charley's Aunt.

All photos by Rachel Solava 10-19-06.

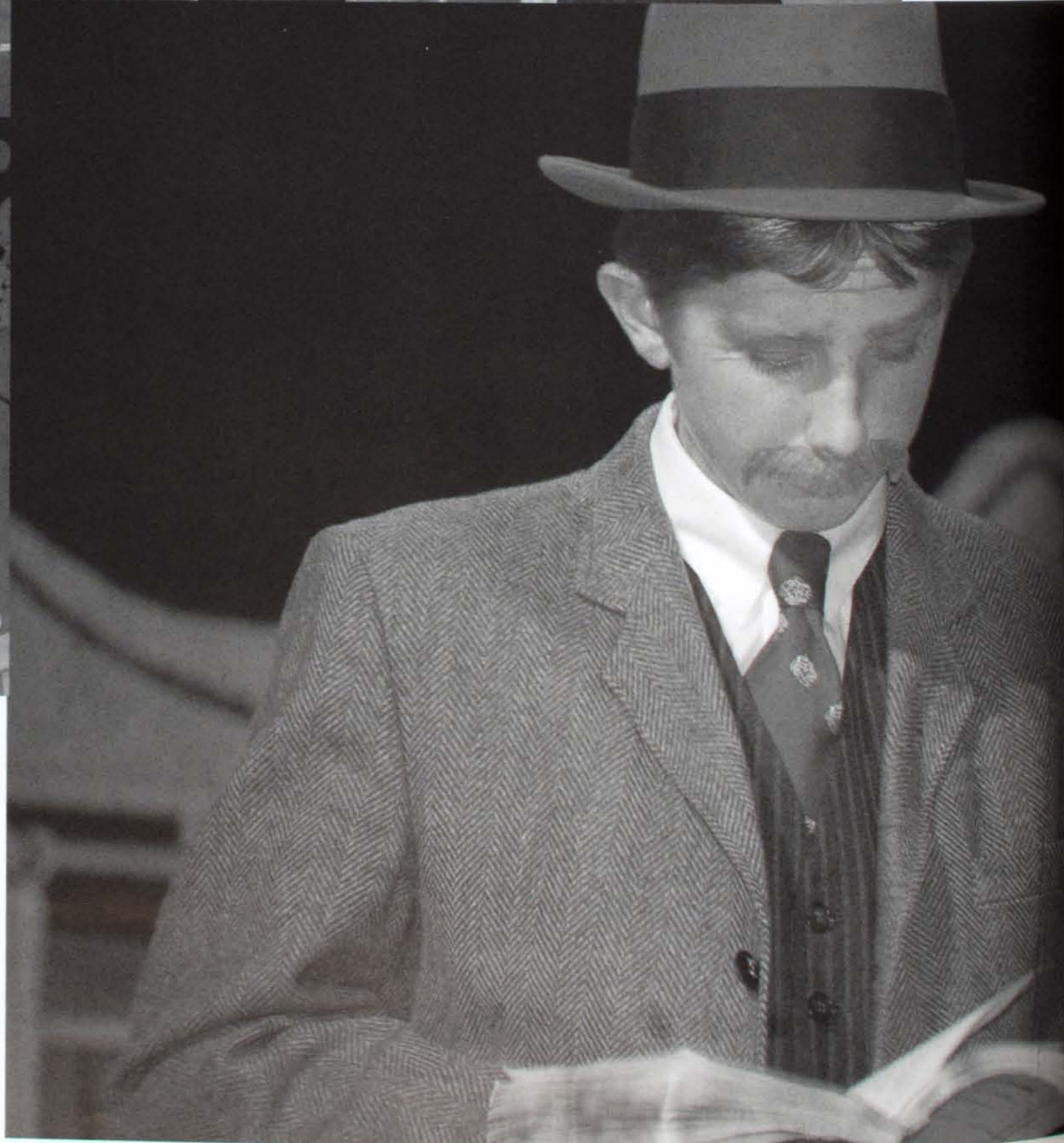
Stephen Spettigue played by junior Alex Kraft expresses love for the aunt because he does not know she is an imposter.



Charley, played by Huff talked to the woman he's in love with, Amy Spettigue, played by sophomore Brittany Evans. Evans and senior Kaila Walstrom, who played Kitty Verdun, kiss the "aunt" played by Cooper.



Stage Manager sophomore Brent Miller had to step in as Sir Francis due to a cast member's illness.



MARVELOUS MISHAPS

Despite the injuries and mishaps during tech week, the cast and crew of "Charley's Aunt" pulled off an amazing show.

By: Haley Stuckey

Tech week for the fall play, "Charley's Aunt," was supposed to be the fine tuning of the show, but a sick actor and an accident caused chaos.

Junior Patrick Larkin became ill on the Monday of tech week and was out for the remainder of the week. Assistant Stage Manager sophomore Brent Miller stepped up to fill Larkin's place.

"I first found out that I would fill in for Patrick Monday night during tech week, and after Friday night I officially became Pat's character," Miller said.

Miller only had one week to learn all of Larkin's part and perform in front of an audience.

"The hardest part was probably learning all of the lines and blocking. I had from Monday to Thursday night to learn all of his blocking. The lines were tough, but I was able to kind of familiarize myself with them," Miller said.

Miller was not the only actor who had to adjust. The rest of the cast had to get used to the new dynamics with Miller playing Larkin's role.

"When you work with an actor you get used to how they move and react, so switching from Patrick to Brent was rather stressful, but in the end we managed," junior John Cooper

said.

On top of the last minute switch, sophomore Leigh Huff had an accident Thursday night during the dress rehearsal. While playing catch, Huff was hit in the face by a baseball and went to the emergency room for stitches.

"I was worried at first, but as soon as I saw it myself, and talked to people who knew what they were doing, they assured me I would be able to perform that weekend," Huff said.

The accident put the whole cast and crew on edge, but because Huff was not injured too badly, they weren't really affected.

"Although Leigh's injury wasn't serious it was just one more thing to add to tech week," director Susan Thetard said.

Huff returned to practice later that night and was able to perform along with Miller and his fellow cast members.

Despite all the mishaps during tech week, the students performed well and the fall play was a success.

"I think the students did a Herculean job. The kids really stepped up and pulled it off," Thetard said.

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SUSAN THETARD



LIFE LESSONS

Through nontraditional activities, students were given unique opportunities in the new Biotechnology class.

By: Jake Gendron

Guest speakers, hands on projects, and multiple field trips were a few of the activities planned for Biotechnology, a brand new class that was offered last fall.

Brad Dearing taught the class and spent his free time designing and planning it.

“Our national standards include medical, biological, and agricultural technologies and U-High did not offer all of these things in one class. I decided to design a hands-on class with lots of guest speakers and projects to allow the students to grasp the material quicker,” Dearing said.

The class had four guest speakers visit the classroom and give informative presentations about their field. Students also completed four hands-on projects, and attended two field trips during the semester long class.

Senior Kyle Erickson decided to take the class because he thought it would prepare him for engineering in college.

“My favorite part of the class was the assigned projects because I love doing things with my hands, instead of listening to lectures and taking tests. All the projects made us apply our problem solving skills. My favorite project was when we built a robotic arm because it is closely

related to engineering,” Erickson said.

Many experiments were also performed in the classroom and one of the more popular experiments was comparing organic produce and commercial produce.

“I wanted the students to taste and learn the difference between the two types of produce. I also organized

for an instructor from ISU to teach the students more about it,” Dearing said.

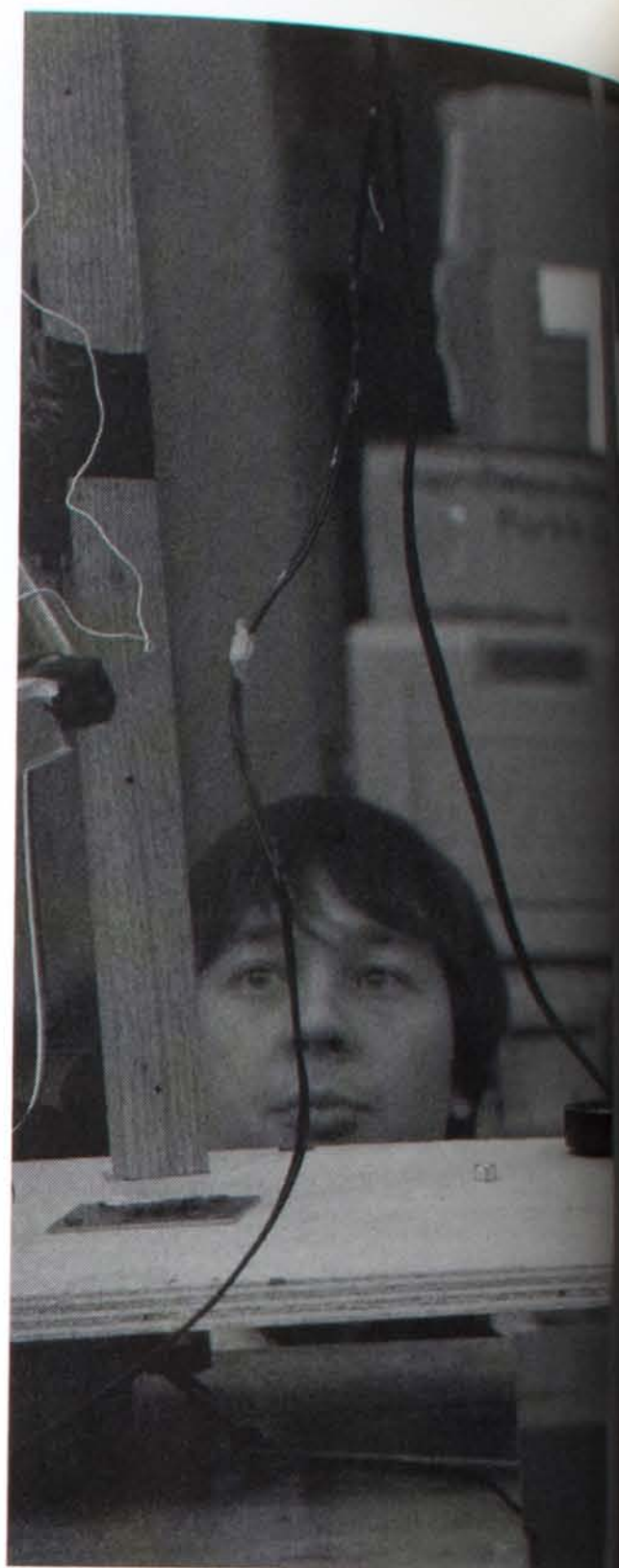
“This was easily my favorite part of the class because we had a cook-out and tasted all the different kinds of food. I could really taste the difference. Also I learned that organic food is much better

**JUNIOR
RENEE DEMONT**

for you because it contains no hormones and anti-bacteria,” senior Luke Graning said.

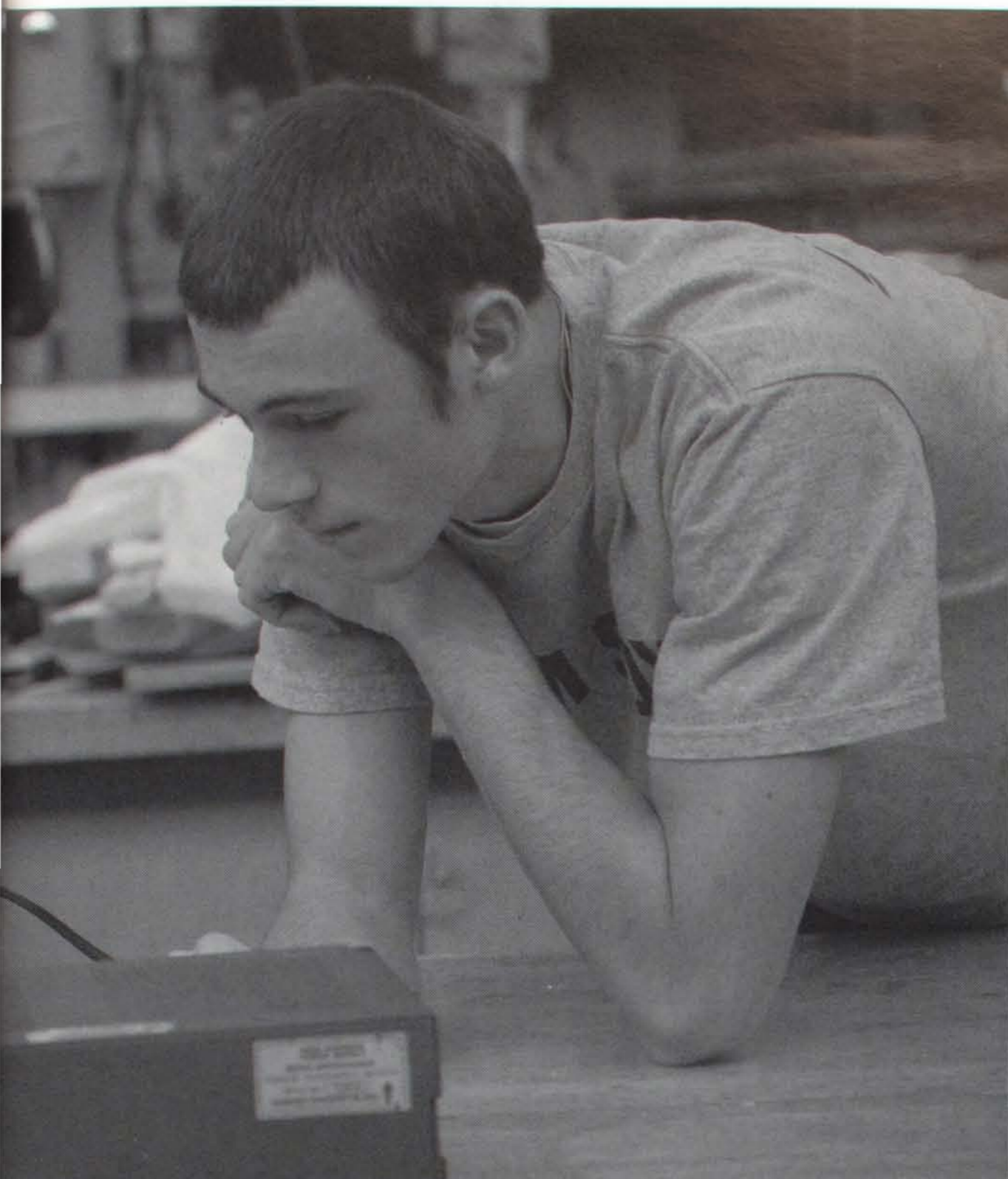
The students attended multiple field trips including job shadowing at BroMenn Hospital. Students could shadow in all parts of the hospital from the emergency room to the maternity ward.

“I might never be right beside a doctor while he is delivering a baby again and I actually got to help with some of the other parts of delivery. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity,” junior Renee Demont said.

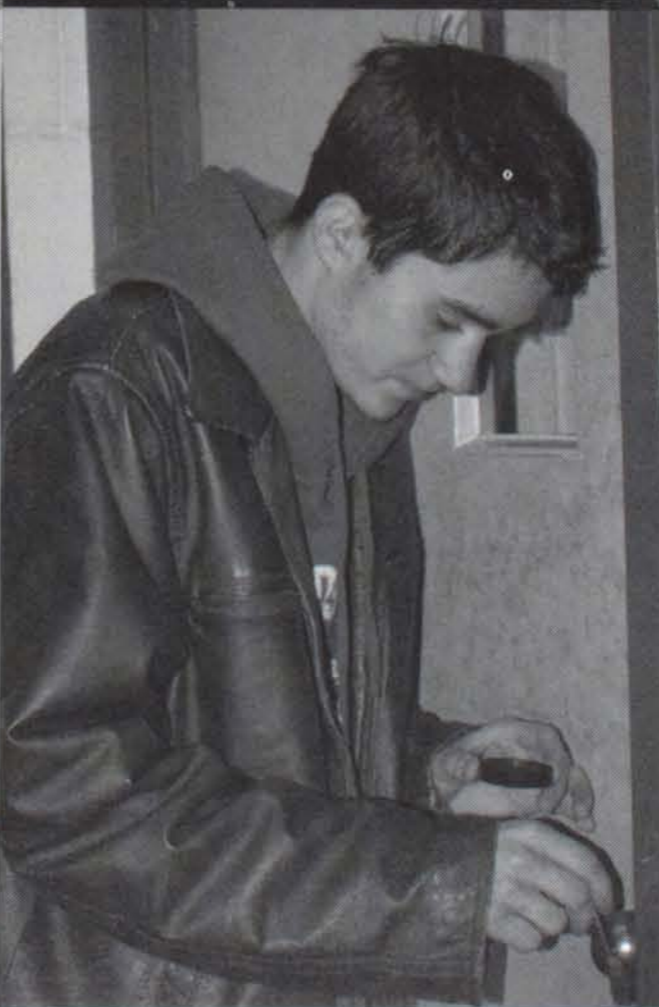
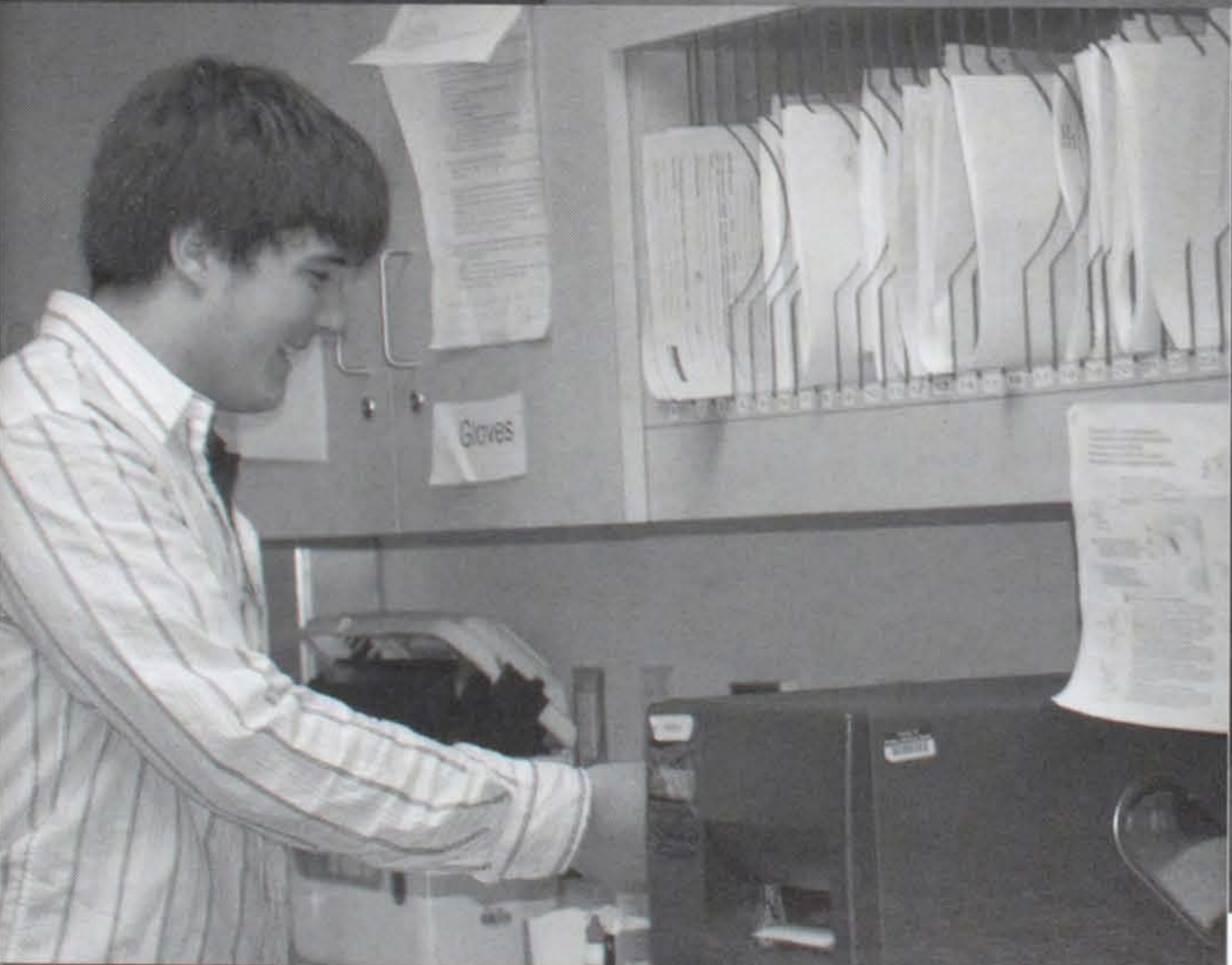


Senior Adam Standard tests mechanical arm to make sure it works.

Senior Traye Nevius shadows at BroMenn Hospital.



A group of students work on robotic arms in class.



Senior Luke Graning lifts finger prints off of the desk in Bio Technology. Senior Matt Viverito dusts for finger prints on the door handle.



Junior Renee Demont studies the structure of the mechanical arm.

Judge Lynne Rothrock works with Treble choir. Members of Chorus I perform at a festival in New York. All photos by Haley Stuckey 3-30-07.



Senior Stevie Jankowski plays the bass. Members of Chorus I sing at the Riverside Church.



Treble choir performs at the Riverside Church in New York.



IN A NEW YORK MINUTE

Chorus and orchestra students explore The Big Apple.

By: Alex Kraft

After countless hours of planning and preparation for the Chorus and Orchestra trip, Choral director Chris Corpus and Orchestra conductor Margot Ehrlich watched as four red and white Peoria Charter buses pulled into the U-High senior lot. The students attending the trip carefully packed their belongings below the buses and set out for New York City, a trip to be remembered.

"We've done the trip to NYC twice now," Corpus said. "The city is just so interesting."

Knowing they faced hours of bus travel, many students fell asleep as soon as the bus departed. Others took this time to get to know the people they were sitting by.

"Actually traveling by bus was really fun. I got to know so many people just because we had nothing to do but talk for 16 hours," sophomore Jenny Koth said.

Arriving in New York the next day, the orchestra paid a visit to the renowned New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Meanwhile, the singers from Chorus II got the chance of a life time, to sing in Carnegie Hall.

The opportunity to explore New York's illustrious cultural districts shed a different light on the city. After enjoying a meal in Little Italy and China Town, the students agreed the ethnic food they experienced was incredible.

"Eating food from the cultural districts was really an eye opening experience," junior Matt Skibo said. "The food was really good, but it was really different from ethnic food in town."

On this trip, students were treated to two Broadway productions. One evening they enjoyed the new musical within a comedy, "The Drowsy Chaperone." Another night they went to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera."

"I thought Phantom was outstanding," senior Stephanie Sidak said. "I've never seen anything quite like it."

The trip wasn't all fun and games because the students were scheduled to compete in a choral and orchestral festival held at the Riverside Church.

"The kids worked really hard to compete against the bigger schools in the competition," Corpus said. "Obviously it showed because we won a number of awards."

Placing first in almost every category for their class, the choral and orchestral groups represented themselves very well.

As Ehrlich and Corpus checked names off of their attendance sheets, the buses pulled back into the familiar senior lot. Returning with a few more awards and many more memories, the students exited the buses and left the bustle of the big city behind them.

"ACTUALLY TRAVELING BY BUS WAS REALLY FUN. I GOT TO KNOW SO MANY PEOPLE JUST BECAUSE WE HAD NOTHING TO DO BUT TALK FOR 16 HOURS."

**SOPHOMORE
JENNY KOTH**



HITTING A HIGH NOTE

U-High's rendition of Disney's High School Musical fills every seat in Stroud for the first time in 11 years.

By: Alyssa Humphreys

As students in Disney's High School Musical waited backstage for the curtains to open, there was no doubt in their minds how many people were anxiously awaiting their performance. This was the first time in 11 years that a U-High musical had sold out every night.

"Les Miserable brought in about 500 people for us a night. That was the most before Disney's High School Musical," director Suzie Thetard said.

Thetard credited Disney's High School Musical's popularity to the fact that parents can bring kids of all ages. Another important aspect to its popularity is the fact that it is so new.

"The kids just go crazy for it. It also helped that we were the first high school in the area to do the full length show," senior Stephanie Sidak said.

Besides the popularity of the show, the musical brought a completely new genre to U-High, which required more energy and definitely more dancing.

"This was a rock musical, so the music was a lot easier and more exciting, but in aspects more challenging because a lot more energy was required to make a great show," Sidak said.

Although the show ended up a success, there was plenty of stress to worry the cast. Most of that stress

came from a few setbacks along the way.

"We were really far behind because of spring break and then the chorus trip to New York. The whole cast put in a lot of hours to make the show as good as it was," sophomore Ryan Woodall said.

"The students really didn't grasp how little time we had left after they got back from the chorus trip,"

Thetard said.

Another major obstacle came during tech week when junior John Cooper, a lead in the play, suffered a concussion and could no longer perform. Less than 24 hours before the first performance, senior Justin Tanaka learned

Cooper's part to take his place.

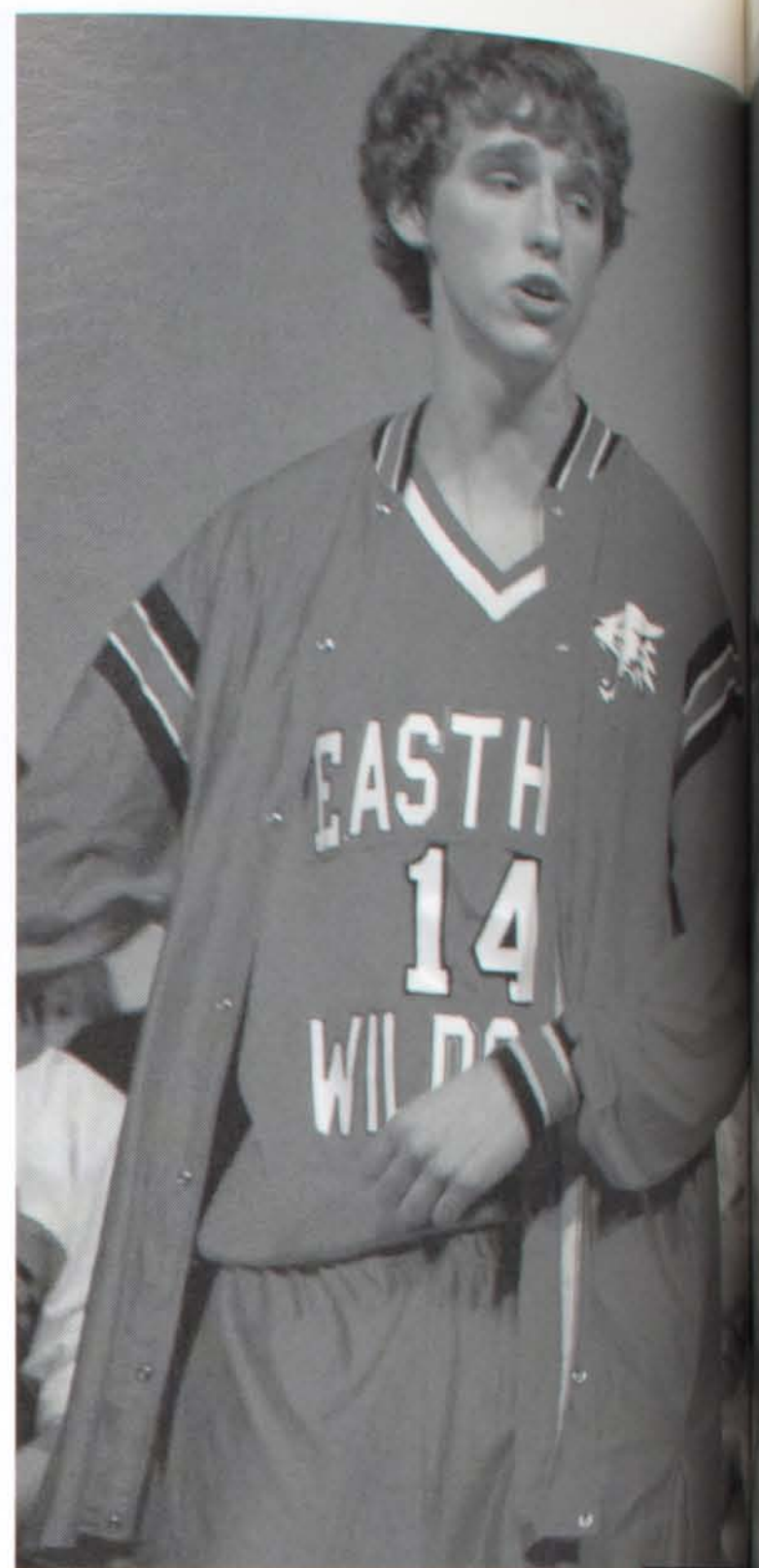
"A lot of people came in and helped Justin on their free hours the day of the performance. It really created a sense of family within the cast," Thetard said.

Thanks to the hard work of the cast and crew and the countless hours of work put in, Disney's High School Musical was a success for the Thespians at U-High.

"The biggest success of this musical was how thrilled the kids were. I heard stories of kids saying that getting to see our show and meet the leads afterward was 'a dream come true,'" Sidak said.

"THE KIDS JUST GO CRAZY FOR IT. IT ALSO HELPED THAT WE WERE THE FIRST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AREA TO DO THE FULL LENGTH SHOW. THAT ATTRACTED A LOT OF ATTENTION,"

**SENIOR
STEPHANIE SIDAK**



Sophomore Ryan Woodall, as Troy, and senior Justine Harris, as Gabriella, sing during Disney's High School Musical. Brainiacs and jocks in the musical turn their attention to senior Stephanie Sidak, as Sharpay.



Senior Stephanie Sidak sings a song in Disney's High School Musical. All Photographs by Matt Shrier on 4-11-07.



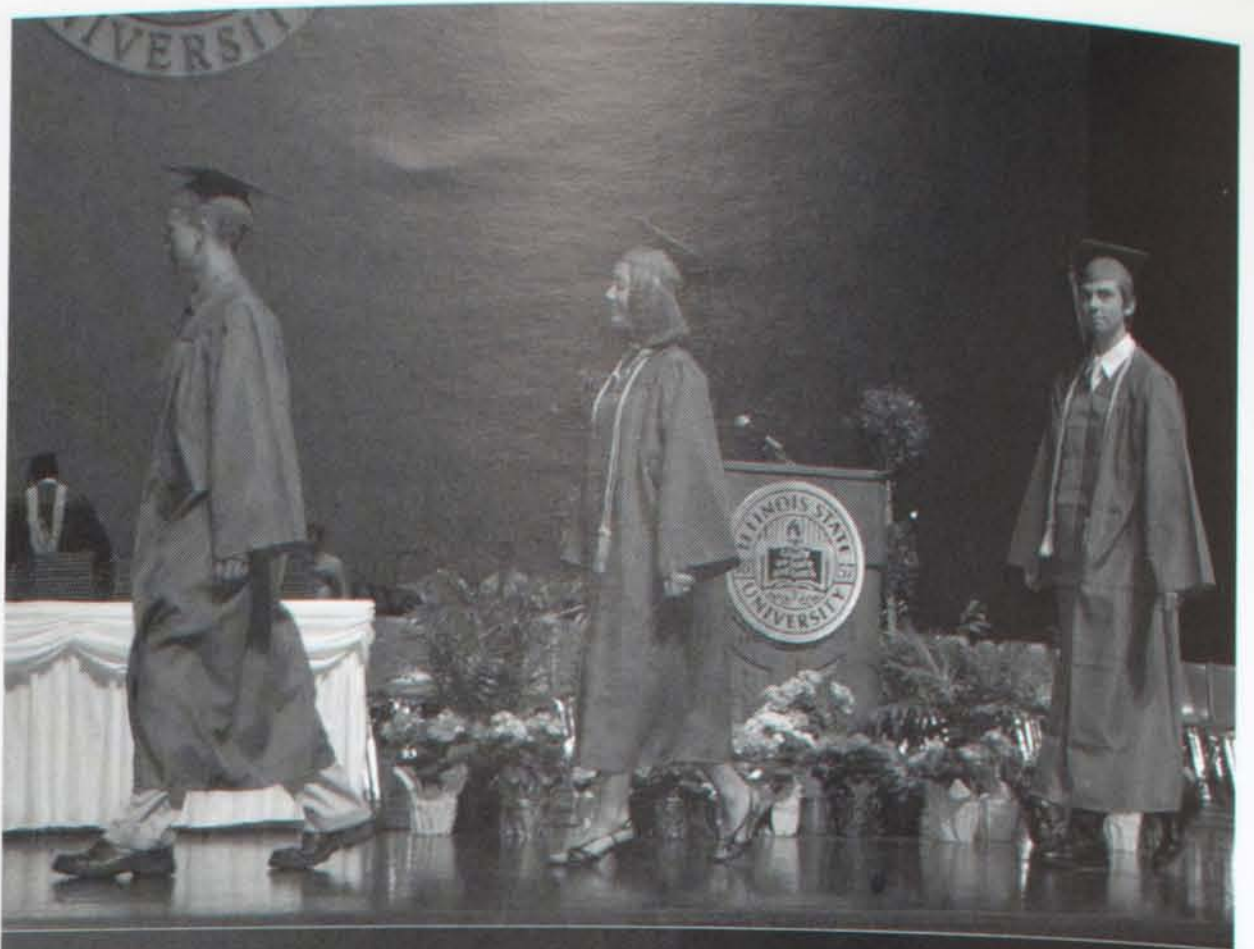
Junior Kaitlyn Nibbelin as Kelsey talks about her script. Cheerleaders perform a stunt during the musical.



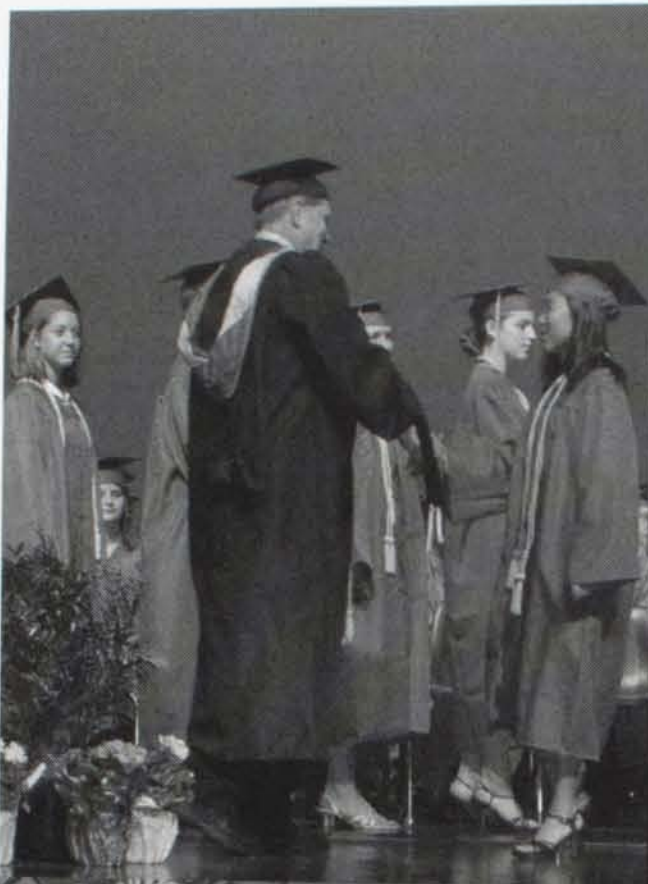
Sophomore Ryan Woodall and senior Justine Harris sing a song to each other.



Seniors walk to their seats before the ceremony begins. Senior James Lam walks across the stage to receive his diploma. All photos by Alyssa Humphreys 5-25-07.



Senior Hong Nan receives her cords for being in the top ten percent of the class. Seniors rejoice after the graduation ceremony is over.



Seniors proceed off stage after ceremony is over.



TELLING THE TRUTH

Senior Rachel Bakaitis shares her experiences at U-High during her graduation speech.

By : Rachel Solava

After four years of high school, it all comes down to one evening: the graduation ceremony. Imagine you are selected to give a speech. You need to express your feelings for your school, maybe tell a funny story, but not sound too cliché, and then present in front of your classmates, teachers, and loved ones. No pressure, right?

Senior

Rachael Bakaitis was chosen as one of the two speakers at graduation. Even though she transferred to U-High as a junior, she still had plenty to say about the school.

"I talked about the feelings I have for U-High. I think many students take U-High for granted. Since I transferred in my junior year, I was able to really recognize how special U-High is. Not all students are able to see that because they haven't ever experienced anything different. I wanted to help students look into themselves and really think about how they feel about their school. If students think about it, they will each have their own indescribable feeling about U-High," Bakaitis said.

At first, Bakaitis wasn't planning on even writing a speech for graduation. However, when she began to think about all that U-High means to her, she became inspired.

"It's weird, but I had the feeling that I really should write the speech. I felt I should share how much I love U-High. I knew that I only had one chance in my life to speak at my high school graduation, and if I didn't write the speech I would have passed up that opportunity," Bakaitis said.

Assistant Principal Stephen Wilder was on the committee of teachers and faculty who chose the speeches.

"We looked for speeches that were well-written and had a meaningful message for the graduates, as well as the audience. We also looked for speeches that had different themes for some variety," Wilder said.

When Bakaitis was told her speech has been selected, she was ecstatic.

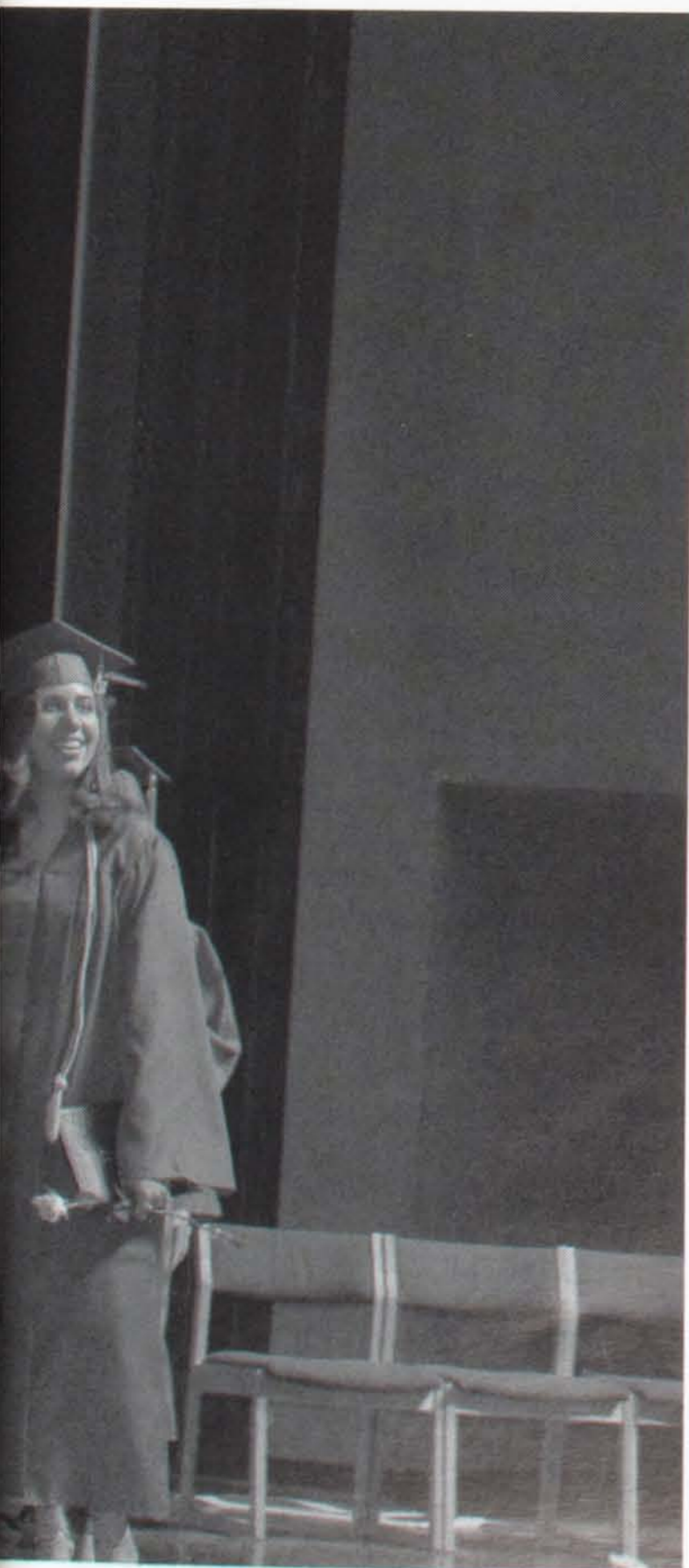
"Speaking at my graduation was such an honor. I really wanted to share my message with all my classmates. Plus, having my grandma there meant a lot to me," Bakaitis said.

Wilder was proud of the chosen speeches. He thought they had the right mix of appropriate characteristics of a graduation speech.

"There was some nostalgia, some reflection on the experiences of the graduates, and some thought to the future in the speeches. In addition, there were several references to the impact that U-High had on the experiences of the graduates," Wilder said.

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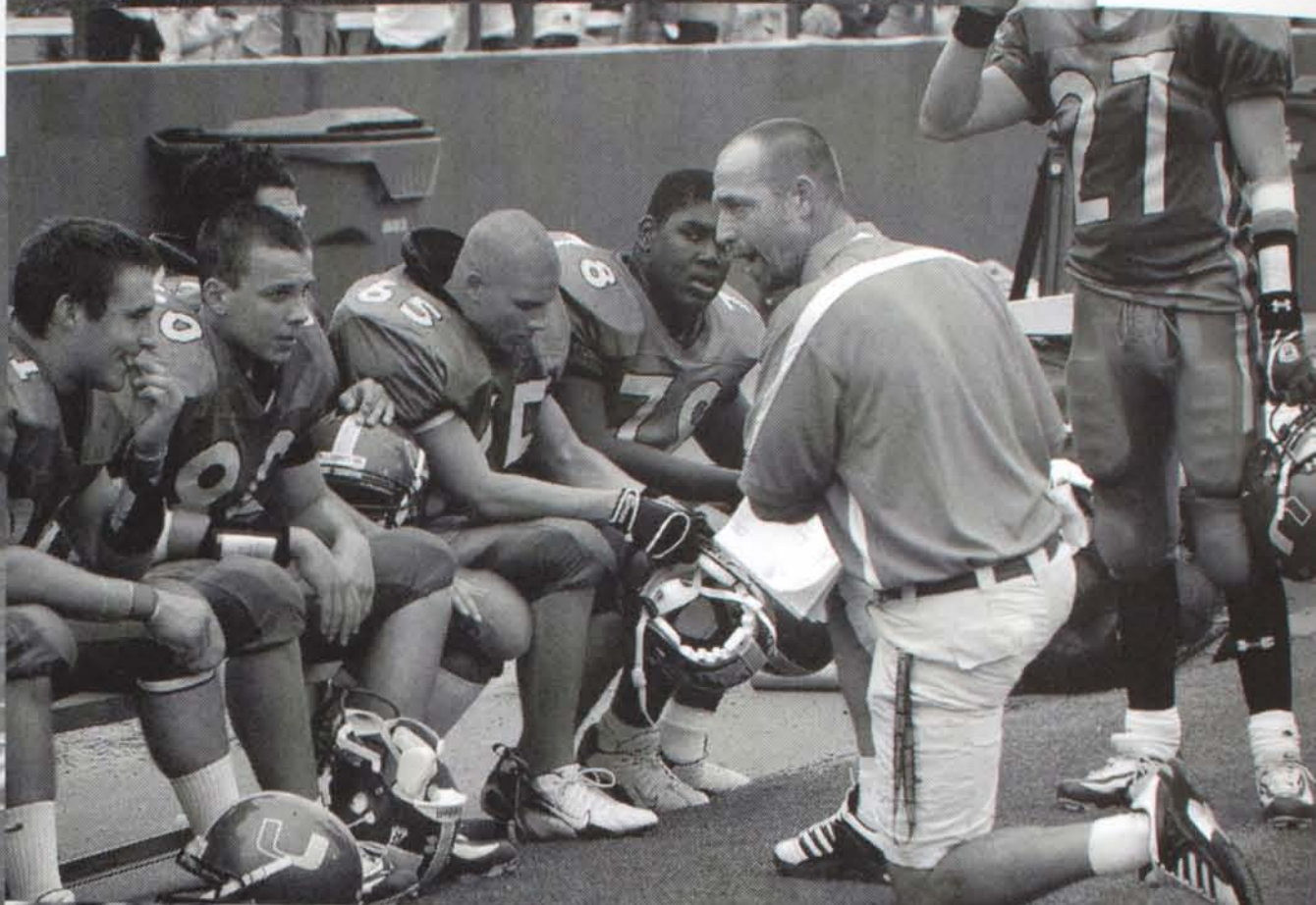
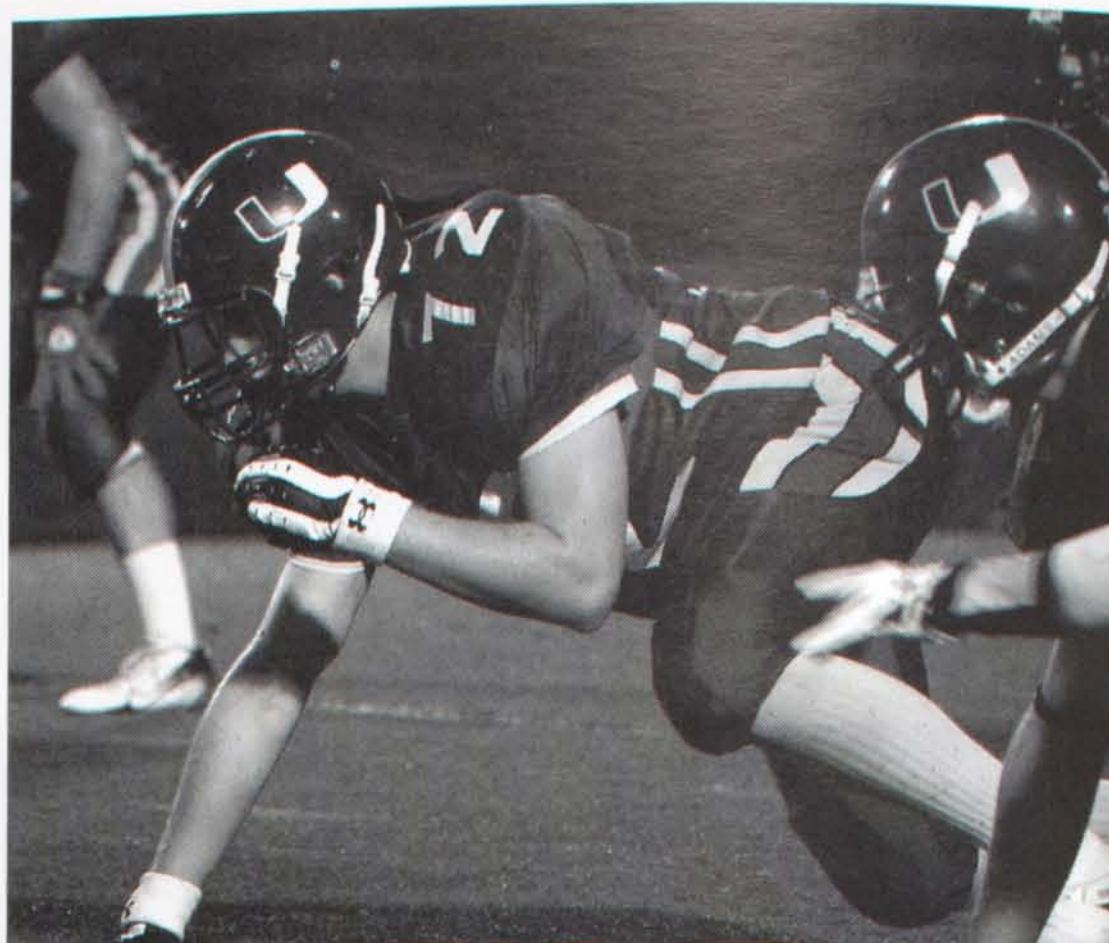
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STEVE WILDER





THE GYM [ATHLETICS]

Senior captain Jake Shepard gets into position before a play. Photo by Matt Shrier 9-23-06.
 Coach Mike Troll goes over a play with his defense during this year's Intercity game. Photo by Kate Dessa 9-1-06.



Senior Tyler Cook rushes the ball in the Intercity game. Photo by Kate Dessa 9-1-06.
 Senior captain David Johnson breaks a tackle after making a catch. Photo by Kate Dessa 8-25-06.



Johnson makes an interception in the Intercity game. Photo by Kate Dessa 8-25-06.



SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

Pioneers fight until the final seconds and put their everything into the game.

By: Aaron Burnett

Down 28-27 late in the fourth quarter, the book was almost closed for the football team. That was until junior Trevor Rappa forced a fumble with 1:10 left to go; suddenly the pioneers had new life.

A long pass to junior Ben Hall from sophomore Jake Todino and a ten-yard run by Todino put U-High on Rochester's 27-yard line, setting up a 42-yard field goal. This moment seemed as though it could determine the outcome of the season for the pioneers.

With everyone in the stadium waiting in anticipation, senior kicker Connor Galloway got set for an almost unthinkable 42-yard field goal. Galloway's kick had the distance, but was just wide left, leaving U-High with an emotional, hard-fought loss.

"I'm extremely proud of how the kids fought until the very end. We played an outstanding game, and had a chance to win in the end," Coach Kurt Olsen said.

Todino, who made his first career varsity start in absence of senior Tyler Cook, showed the leadership of a proven starter.

"I just went out and tried to put us in a position to win. I was really disappointed that we had to

lose a game that we played so well in, but everyone gave it their all and we fought with everything we had," Todino said.

U-High trailed 21-14 in the third quarter before rallying and closing the gap to a one point deficit. Despite having the momentum on their side, U-High could not put another score on the board and their record fell to 1-2.

"I really thought we were going to pull it out. Everything was going right and it just felt like it was our night. Unfortunately it just wasn't meant to be," senior captain David Johnson said.

This story of heartbreak was representative of the pioneers entire season. The team improved drastically from the previous year, but came up just short in some close games, including a 28-15 loss to Cornbelt powerhouse Pontiac.

However, battling these tough teams that make up the Cornbelt Conference showed the heart of the U-High football team.

"We made great strides in turning things around this year. We were undersized or over-looked almost every week, and we really fought everyone until the very end," senior captain Jake Shepard said.



Sophomore Jake Todino drops back on a play. Photo by Matt Shrier 9-23-06.



FULL RIDE TO SUCCESS

Senior Kyndell Highland signs a full ride to Depaul University.

By: Luke Harbers

The volleyball team has helped senior Kyndell Highland become a hard working, passionate, and competitive player.

"Kyndell is a natural born leader," senior co-captain Liz Harbers said. "Kyndell's talent and intensity always encourages the younger players to step it up."

she has been part of the team for the last three years, and this year she

earned the title of co-captain. As a captain she knew how much the team had helped her in her volleyball career so she did all she could to help them win every game possible.

"Every point is a battle, and you strive to win each one," Highland said.

She and her fellow teammates work through every win and loss in the season, but Highland seems to put in the extra effort. During the off-season she played club volleyball with the Illini Elite and took private lessons which kept her playing all year round.

The hard work that Highland put in over the years paid off. She was offered a scholarship by Division I DePaul University. She verbally committed to the scholarship in the fall.

Although Highland received

other offers from Division I schools, she was most interested in DePaul because of the academics as well as the athletics.

"I also love the Big East Confer-

ence. DePaul University is building a great program and I will have the opportunity to step in as a freshman to help the team," Highland said.

Choosing a school is a hard decision for most students, but for Highland it has been some what of an easy choice. Her love for academics, athletics, and the Big East pointed her in the way of DePaul.

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SENIOR KYNDELL HIGHLAND

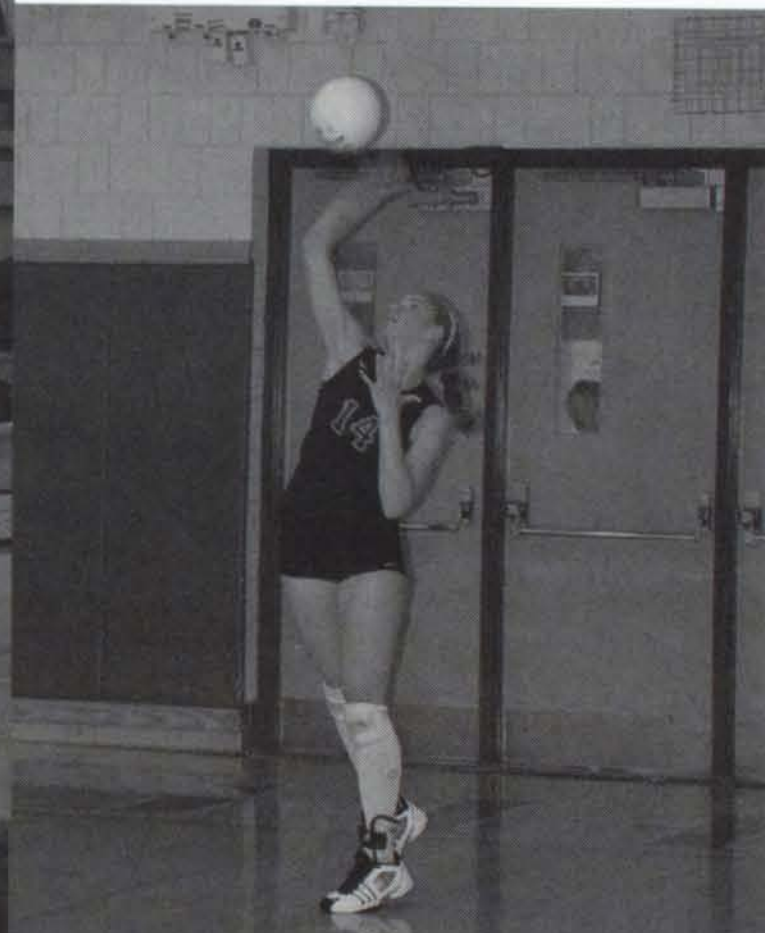
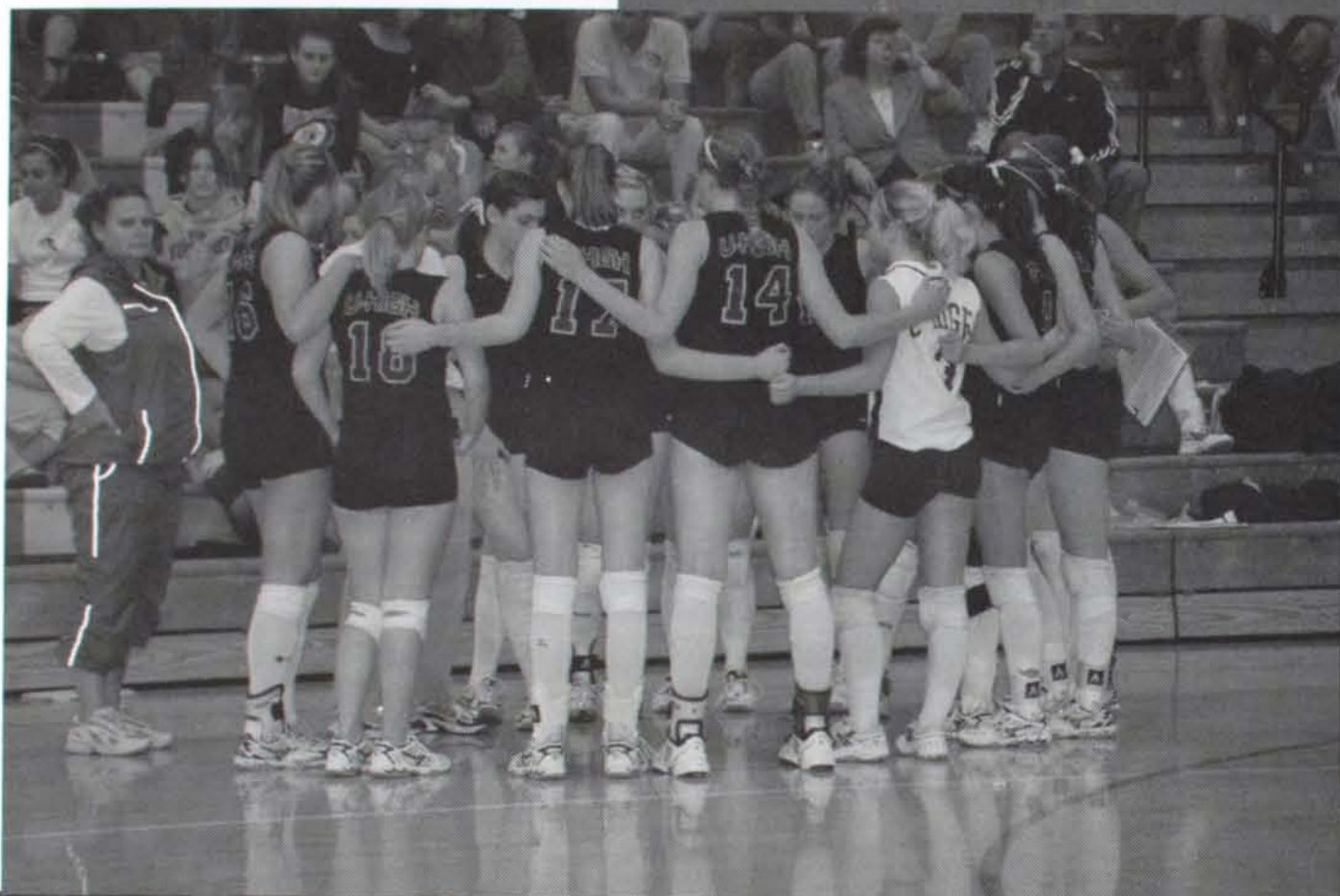




Senior Liz Harbers serves during the game against Lexington.

Photo by Jake Gendron on 10-2-06

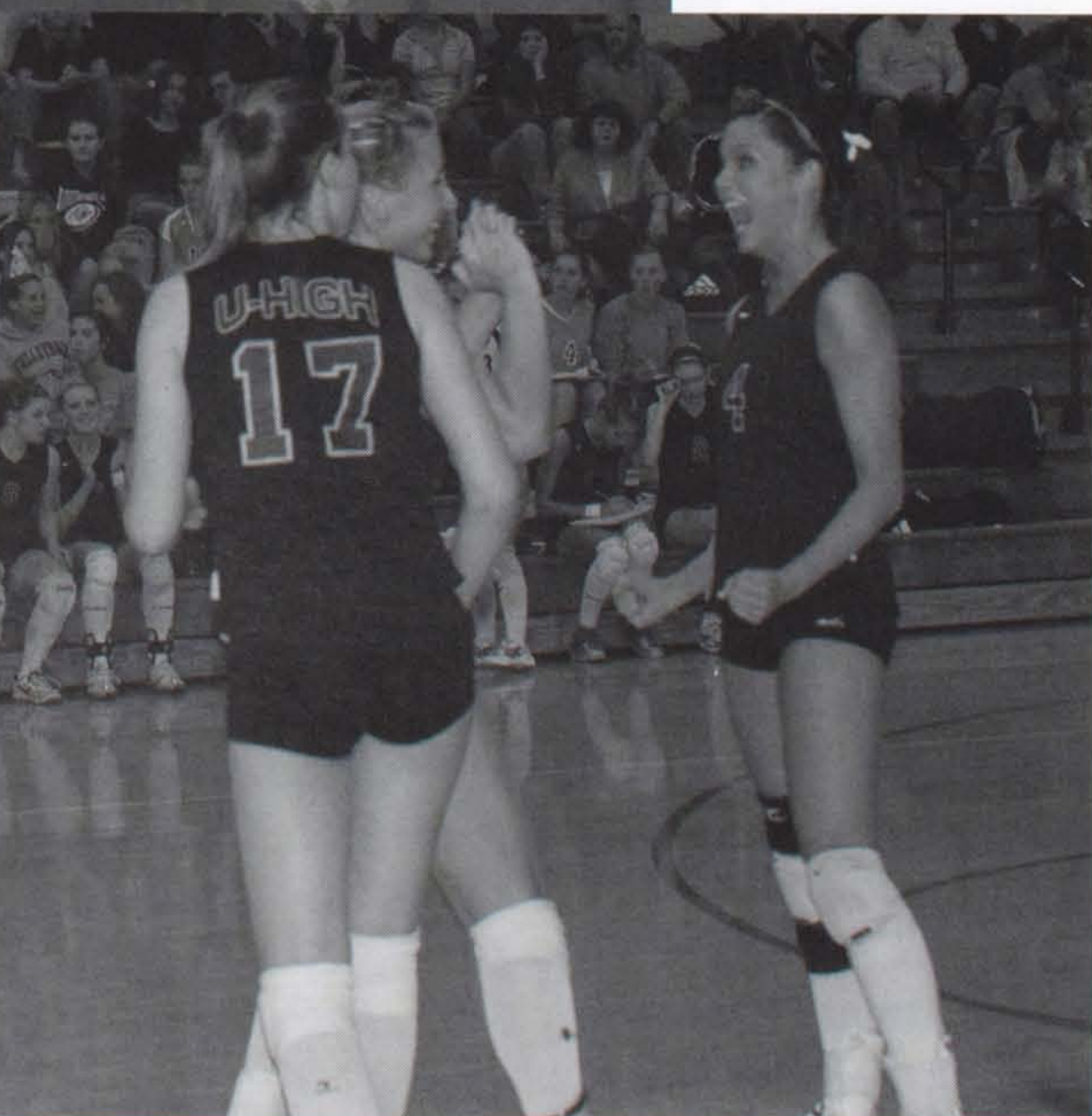
Team takes a time out during the second match against Mahomet-Seymour. Photo by Kate Dessa 9-21-06



Senior Kyndell Highland serves an ace in the first match against Mahomet-Seymour.

Photo by Kate Dessa 9-21-06

Sophomore Bridget Lam with teammates after making a spike. Photo by Kate Dessa 9-21-06



Sophomore Taylor Bruns sets the ball. Photo by Kate Dessa 9-21-06

FULLY TO SUCCESS

Sophomore Wen Yang pushes to the finish line. Photo by Rachel Solava 10-3-06



Senior captain Kyle Erickson lunges towards the finish line. Photo by Jake Gendron 9-19-06.



The boys cross country team huddles before the start of the race. Photo by Jake Gendron 9-19-06.



Members of the girls cross country team work through the second half of the race. Photo by Jake Gendron 9-12-06.



The boys cross country team anticipates the start of the race. Photo by Jake Gendron 9-12-06.



YOUNG INSPIRATION

Wen Yang as well as other underclassmen lead the way for the cross country team.

By : Alyssa Humphreys

Not the pressure of inexperience or the intimidation of the opponent, not even the seriousness of the race scares sophomore Wen Yang. Being the number one runner on the team, she knew a lot of weight rested on her shoulders, but she didn't let the pressure get to her.

"I just like to run to calm down," Yang said. "It doesn't feel any different being the first runner; it just feels like I'm any other girl on the team."

Along with Yang, there were three other underclassmen running on the varsity level. This inexperience didn't seem to worry anyone.

"The only disadvantage to having such a young team is the inexperience. They had to learn everything as they went," cross country coach Lester Hampton said.

Here at U-High, being on the cross country team is about as close as you can get to being a family. Being on the team really sets up a friendly environment according to Yang--an environment that took some work.

"The girls have really good unity this year, as well as leadership," senior Kyle Erickson said.

The boys team looked to some of the girls to see how well they communicated and worked together.

Sophomore Ana De Graaf agreed.

"Being such a young team, we do a lot of team bonding. The first week of practice, coach Hampton made sure everyone knew everyone's name and it didn't matter if you were a freshman or a senior," DeGraaf said.

"The bonding didn't just stop there. The teammates also had carbohydrate dinners and team picnics, as well as other social events," Yang said.

Hampton gave most of the responsibility of helping the younger girls grow as runners and as people to the upperclassmen.

"All of the upperclassmen have been freshmen before, so they know what it's like," Hampton said. "I try to get them to do most of the one on one."

Senior Jessica Busse and junior Katie Erdman were a couple of the leaders of the team. Hampton said that Busse and Erdman were both tremendous leaders on and off the course.

"Jessica and Katie had a lot to do with our younger girls improving this year. They were great leaders and had really helped the girls mature," Hampton said.



Freshman Kara Butorac sees the finish line and knows there is just a few more steps. Photo by Jake Gendron 9-16-06.



Freshman Lauren Miller takes her mark. Photo by Rachel Solava 9-5-06.



Freshman Ali Taubert does her hair before school. Photo by Rachel Solava 10-5-06.



Sophomore Cassie Anderson prepares for a dive. Photo by Matt Shrier 9-7-06.



Senior Amy Stites works on her kicks at early morning practice. Photo by Rachel Solava 10-5-06.



Freshman Sarah Klass swims the breast stroke during a home meet. Photo by Rachel Solava 9-5-06.



EARLY START

Morning practices push the girls swim team to their limits, but prove worth while.

By: Rachel Solava

In 20 hours, you could watch ten movies, or go to seven football games. The girls swim team practices 20 hours a week. There isn't enough time after school to get in all the hours they need, so several hours of practice had to be put in during the morning.

Swimming was the only sport that had early morning practice. Practice was from 6-7 a.m. and then the swimmers had an hour to get ready for school.

"Most girls change in the locker room and then go eat breakfast together," senior Lauren Januzik said.

However, for the girls who had 7 a.m. classes, the morning started even earlier.

"Practice started at 5:30 for those of us with 7 a.m. classes, and then we only had 20 to 30 minutes to get ready for school," sophomore Emily Hovren said.

The girls unanimously disliked early morning practice for the obvious reason of waking up at 5:15 in the morning to go jump into a frigid pool. They also disliked having to get ready in the locker room, smelling like chlorine the rest of the day, and going to school with wet hair.

"One of my teachers could always tell when we had morning practice because I was always so exhausted," junior Claire Wazienski said.

Coach Ryan Burroughs knew that the girls disliked morning practice, but he hoped they would realize it would help them in the long run.

"The more time they spend in the water, the better they'll be," Burroughs said.



Wazienski applies her makeup in the locker room before school starts. Photo by Rachel Solava 10-05-06.

The varsity swimmers were required to attend the two morning practices a week, in addition to the five afternoon sessions. Burroughs asked the more experienced underclassmen to attend as well.

"Since we didn't have as many girls in the morning, the practice and workout could be tailored to their needs," Burroughs said.

In addition to morning practices, the long season also contributed to the swimmers' exhaustion.

"Swimming was a big time commitment. We didn't have time for homework, sleep, or socializing," Januzik said.

According to sophomore Merryl Clemmons, the long hours and season could create a negative atmosphere.

Balancing school and morning practice was hard for the swim team, but they supported each other throughout the season.

"Staying positive is hard to do, especially with morning practices, but the team always tried to find something to smile about," senior Amy Stites said.





Sophomore Kyle English tees off at the State Tournament. All photos by Kate Dessa 9-6-06 and 10-13-06. Junior Janelle Galloway putts the ball.



Senior Dan Vazquez watches a teammate tee off.



Junior Cheryl Liang prepares to putt.





WINDY WINS

The boys and girls golf teams capture the AA State Championship while battling the rough winds and brutal cold.

By: Rachel Solava

Your heart is pounding and adrenaline is flowing. Instead of the usual group of 20 supportive parents, there are about 200 people watching you. The silence is charged with excitement and tension. As soon as the club connects with the ball, a chorus of “get in the hole” rings out from the crowd.

This is the second consecutive state championship for the girls golf team and the fourth straight title for the boys team. But just because they were victorious before didn't mean the players didn't have to work for it this year.

Coaches Cal Hubbard and Tom Romance agreed that their players worked very hard and that they practiced a lot on their own.

“The girls are driven to succeed. They work very hard at their game, and they are always pushing themselves,” Hubbard said.

The boys team also continue the fight to improve.

“They persevered and battled against the weather, their opponents, and their own demons,” Romance said.

The extreme weather conditions had an affect on the golfers at this year's state championships.

“The ball didn't fly as far and we had to wear more layers so it was harder to swing,” junior Cheryl Liang said.

“I had to concentrate harder and it took more energy because of the

temperature and the gusts of wind,” senior Will Cullen said.

Hubbard thought the weather had a negative effect on the girls, while Romance thought it helped some of the boys.

“Good golfers find a way to play well, even in bad weather,”

Romance said.

Due to the fact that both teams have won in the past, they felt the pressure to perform well.

“Whenever U-High comes to a golf course, everyone knows who we are. I felt pressure to live up to the expectations,” junior Kaitlyn Wampler said.

To continue the tradition of winning,

the future golfers of U-High will have higher expectations to live up to.

“Success breeds success. The underclassmen will want to continue the tradition and will work harder,” Romance said.

Depth and balance, along with the team bond, helped the golfers to win this year. Even though golf is an individual sport, the results are based on the team as a whole.

“We work hard individually and then come together to accomplish a common goal,” Wampler said.

All 12 players came together on their respective teams to contribute to the state wins.

“I am very happy that both the boys and the girls teams brought respect to our school,” Cullen said.

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KAITLYN WAMPLER

Senior Will Cullen sets up the ball for the birdie putt at the State Tournament. Senior Dusty Koth starts his backswing at a tournament at the ISU golf course.

IT'S ALWAYS BETTER WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER

Senior boys bring unity to the team because of their friendship on and off the field.

By: Bridget McGuire

It's not often that you find a team who can work together both on and off the field. But the seniors on the soccer team wouldn't have it any other way.

"We do everything together," senior Cameron Warner said. "We play video games, go to movies, and even play wiffle ball."

The seniors on the soccer team have been playing together since the age of nine. They feel that their closeness off the field helps them to communicate better on the field.

"We help each other to stay focused," senior Phil Hamilton said. "We know each other's strengths and weaknesses and that helped us achieve a successful season."

Being AA, they knew that they were going to face tough competition. Even though they had to play tougher teams, it only made them better.

"Since we played better teams it helped us in the post season," senior captain Sean O'Malley said. "It really helped at sectional time when we played NCHS."

The boys felt confident as they prepared for regionals to begin. But tragedy struck when their star goalie Jairon Crosson was injured outside of school.

"We knew that we were going to have to step up our play when Jairon got hurt," senior captain Adam Stan-

dard said. "The defense couldn't allow as many shots on goal."

Crosson's injury really brought the team closer.

They knew that they would not only have to play for the team but also for Crosson, and help their new goalie, freshman Cole Wardlow, get the hang of things.

"We all got together as a team and had a talk with [coach] Bodo [Fritzen]," O'Malley said.

"We knew that we would have to help Cole get acclimated."

The team's desire to not give up and play together is what helped

them advance to the sectional championship against NCHS. With Crosson returning to play in the sectional game, questions arose whether he was up to the challenge. Crosson showed everyone that even with his injury he could perform at the top of his game; he did not allow a goal to be scored.

"The win over NCHS felt incredible," Crosson said. "It felt good to beat them on their home field and show everyone we were the best in town."

The Pioneers next challenge was super sectionals. The Pioneers dominated the whole game but came up short with a 1-0 loss to Dunlap.

"We were all bummed after the loss," Standard said. "But we realized there was nothing we could do about it and that we had a great season."



Senior captain Adam Standard and Warner make their cool down run after a victory. Photo by Kaity Johnson

The Pioneers finished the season (18-3-4) and were named Intercity, Regional, and Sectional Champions. Overall, they had a successful season and will miss all of the times they shared together on and off the field.

"We did a lot better than past years and I know we're all going to miss playing together when we go to college," O'Malley said.





Senior Cameron Warner lunges for the ball during the Peoria Notre Dame game. Photo by Kaity Johnson 9-23-06. Senior captain Sean O'Malley fights to win the ball during the intercity game against CCHS. Photo by Kate Dessa 8-31-06.



Senior Jairon Crosson takes the goal kick during the intercity game. Photo by Kaity Johnson 9-2-06. Seniors O'Malley and Phil Hamilton rejoice after a win. Photo by Kaity Johnson 9-23-06.



Senior Josh Rule wins the ball while playing against NCHS in intercity. Photo by Kate Dessa 8-31-06.

Coach Laura Sellers watches the team from the sideline. Photo by Kaity Johnson 11-15-06.



Senior Ashley Brondell guards opponent. Photo by Alyssa Humphreys 1-6-07.



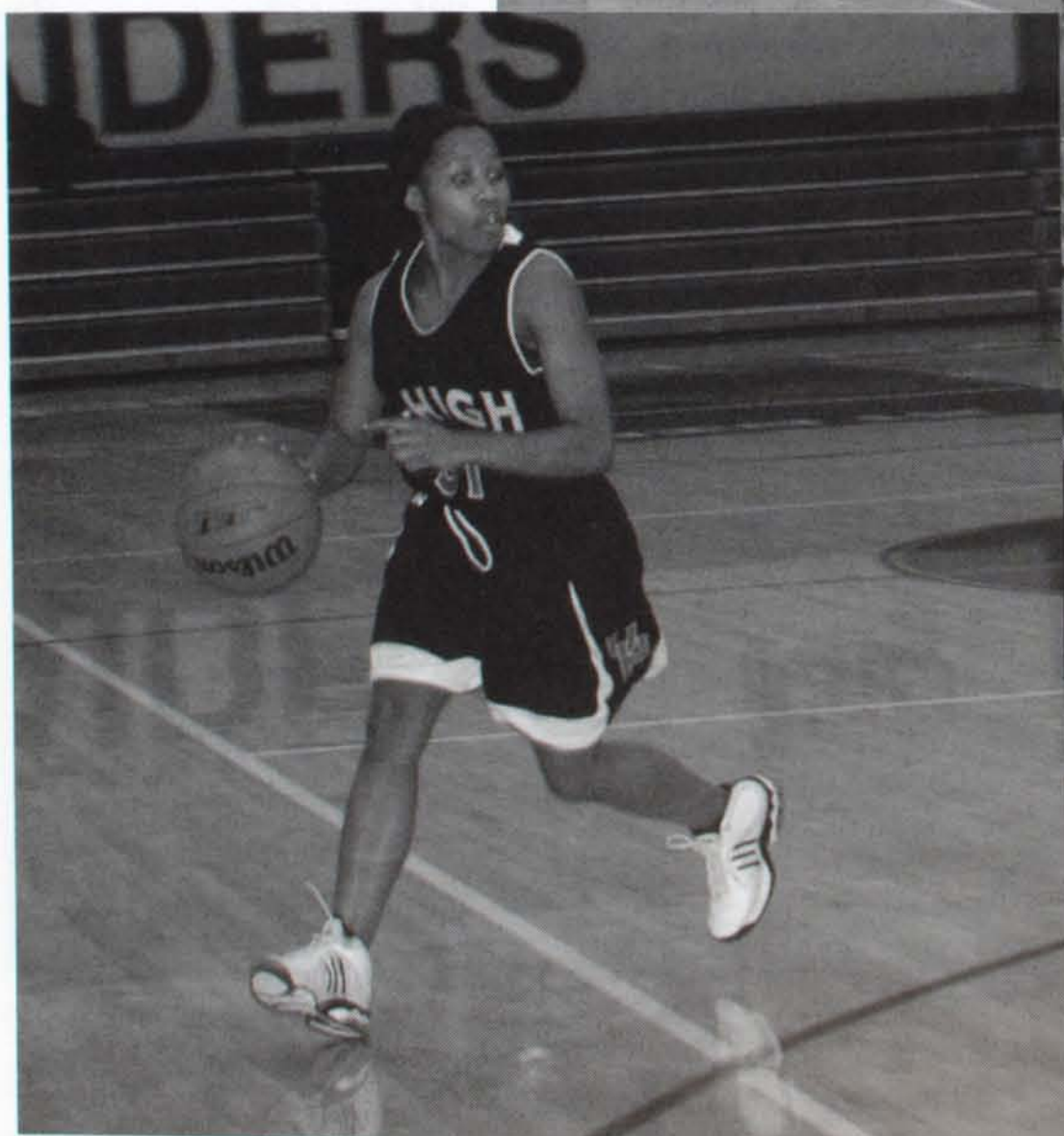
Senior Natalie Larson looks for a pass. Photo by Alyssa Humphreys 1-6-07.



Sophomore Tenisha Brown scans the court to find a teammate to pass the ball to. Photo by Kaity Johnson 11-15-06.



Junior Molly Kainsner takes the ball down the court for a lay-up. Photo by Alyssa Humphreys 1-6-07.



NEW COACH, NEW DIRECTION

The girls basketball team transitions into the season while adjusting to a new coach.

By: Michelle Eack

Adjusting to a new coach is always tough; new expectations, new rules, and new plays. The girls basketball team can relate. Not only did they receive a new head coach, but an entirely new coaching staff.

"It was hard to adjust at first, but after awhile, we got better at relating to the coaches," senior Natalie Larson said.

Coach Laura Sellers took charge of the varsity team as Head Coach this season. Coaches Greg Dennis and Andrew Knarr were the new JV and freshmen coaches, respectively. Sellers was Assistant Head Coach last season and feels that this made for an easier transition. She already knew the girls, and each player's strengths and weaknesses.

"It helped to have Sellers as an Assistant Coach last year because we knew what to expect," senior captain

Ashley Brondell said.

Every coach has an area that they tend to focus on, and Sellers is no exception.

The team spent a lot of time and energy on perfecting the fundamental parts of the game.

"Sellers is really all about attitude and effort," Brondell said. "She focuses on how much you put into it, more than skill level."

Larson also agrees that practice usually incorporated more fundamental drills than in the past.

"We try to make sure we get all the small stuff down, because in the end, that is really what counts," Larson said.

As with any new team, the girls had a tough start,

but remained enthusiastic as to their potential.



Freshman Alyssa Palmer makes a break away toward the basket. Photo by Alyssa Humphreys 1-7-06.



Senior Sean O'Malley goes in for a lay-up during intercity. Photo by Kaity Johnson 11-22-06.



Junior Derek Dauenbaugh makes a pass during a home game. Photo by Jake Gendron 1-13-07.



Junior Clint Vatterodt prepares for a free throw. Photo by Jake Gendron 1-13-07.



Junior E.J. Schiller dribbles the ball down court. Photo by Rachel Solava 12-8-06.



Senior Jeff Higgins drives past his opponent. Photo by Kate Dessa 11-20-06.



JINGLE BALLIN'

Basketball players are challenged by the Holiday Classic Tournament.

By: Aaron Burnett

A flurry of three-pointers brought the Springfield boys basketball team back into the game at a 68-64 deficit with 32 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. That was until four U-High free throws clinched the game and a 72-64 victory for the Pioneers in the opening round of the State Farm Holiday Classic.

"We really turned it on in the second half and got hot. We struggled a little, but coach settled us down and we finished strong," senior Aaron Schroeder said.

The team got off to a great start, hitting 10 of 15 first quarter shots for a 22-12 lead.

"We spread the floor really well and got great ball movement," said senior Tyler Cook, who scored eight of his 18 points in the first quarter. "They were overplaying us and we found ways to get lay-ups."

The boys held leads of 17 points in the third quarter and 14 points in the fourth before Springfield rallied to come within four. Junior

Clint Vatterrodt then stepped to the line after being intentionally fouled. With the pressure on his shoulders, he sunk his free throws to put the nail in the coffin.

"It was a big moment and I knew I could end the game right there. I just relaxed and the outcome was good," Vatterrodt said.

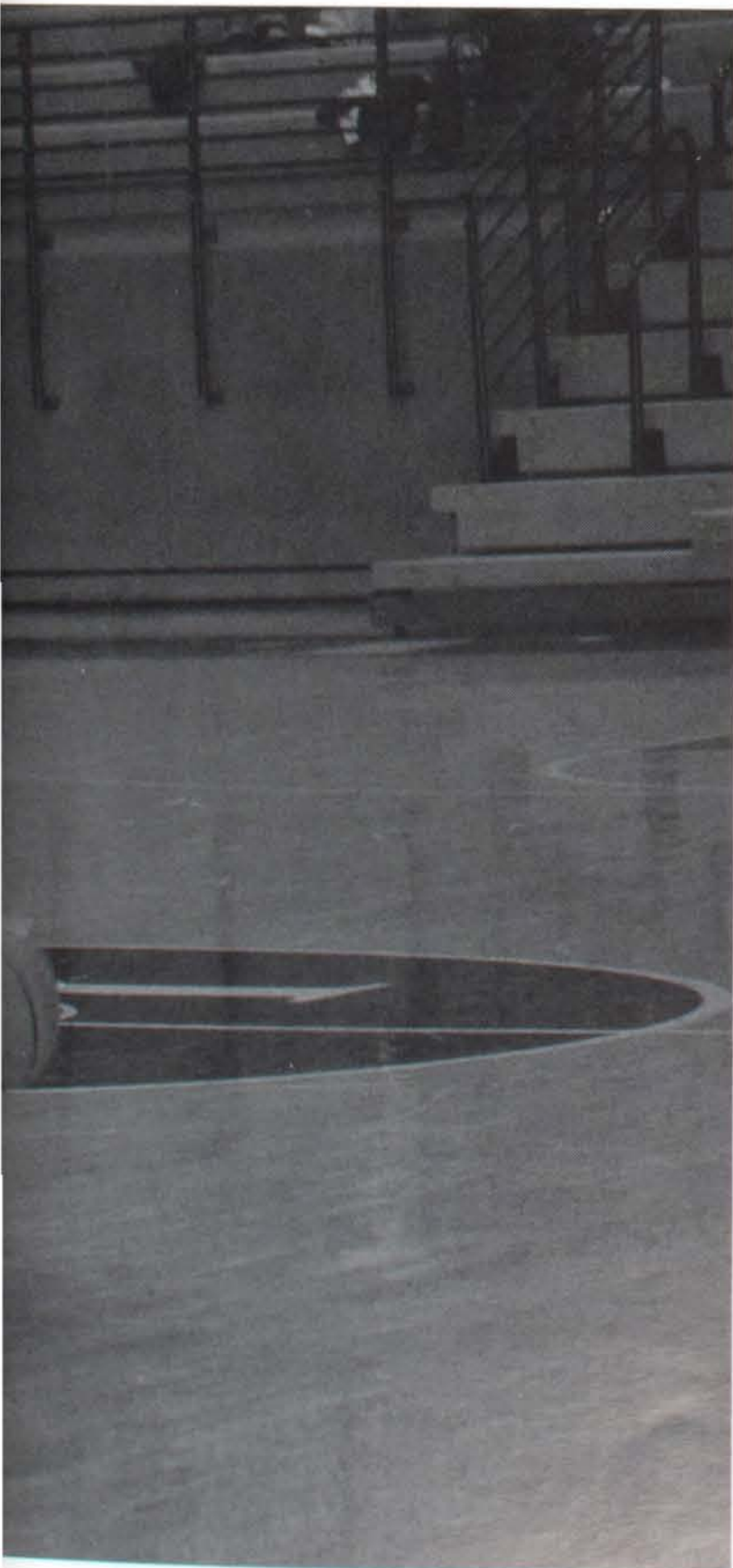
Schroeder led the team with 19 points and five rebounds, while junior E.J. Schiller added 10 points for the boys.

After an impressive start to the tournament, the boys suffered tough losses to Peoria Notre Dame, Rock Island, and Rock Island Alleman.

"We struggled a bit playing back to back games, but we played four very good teams and got to see what different kids could do down the road. We need to play well for four quarters and not just three," coach Cal Hubbard said.



Senior Aaron Schroeder shoots a 3-pointer during a game at IWU. Photo by Kate Dessa 11-20-06.



HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS

The wrestling team has to eat right in order to stay in their weight classes.

By: Jake Gendron

The holidays are right in the middle of the wrestling season. The average high schooler uses the holidays as an excuse to shove their face full of fattening cookies, turkey, stuffing, and anything else that finds itself on the dinner table.

Many wrestlers cannot enjoy all these foods because they need to stay in their weight class, but many of them find alternative ways to eat as much as everyone else.

Junior Joe Waropay is one of the wrestlers that had to change his diet and holiday meals to stay in his 160 pound weight class.

"Holidays are always tough but you can enjoy them if you eat right. I'm thankful that my mother cooks a healthy Thanksgiving dinner. For dinner we had turkey, steamed veggies, salad, sweet potatoes, and for desert, a slice of pumpkin pie. I was stuffed but they were all cooked in healthy ways and I enjoyed the holidays with my family." Waropay said.

Wrestling involves a lot of self-determination and even self-sac-

rifice so they can achieve their proper weight. Many wrestlers are forced to "crash diet" because they do not give themselves the proper amount of time to reach their desired weight. "Crash dieting" usually involves starving yourself for a short period of time, Waropay said.

"Weight loss in the sport of wrestling is frowned upon by many people outside of the sport that don't understand the facts. But there is a right way of doing it by a simple change of diet," Waropay said.

Waropay lost around 25 pounds after the football season to prepare for the wrestling season. He maintains his weight by properly placing smaller proportioned meals throughout the day.

Head Coach Mike Troll encourages his wrestlers to lose weight the proper way.

"I don't want the kids to take short cuts when they lose weight because if they do it wrong it will affect their health and the way they perform on the mats," Troll said.

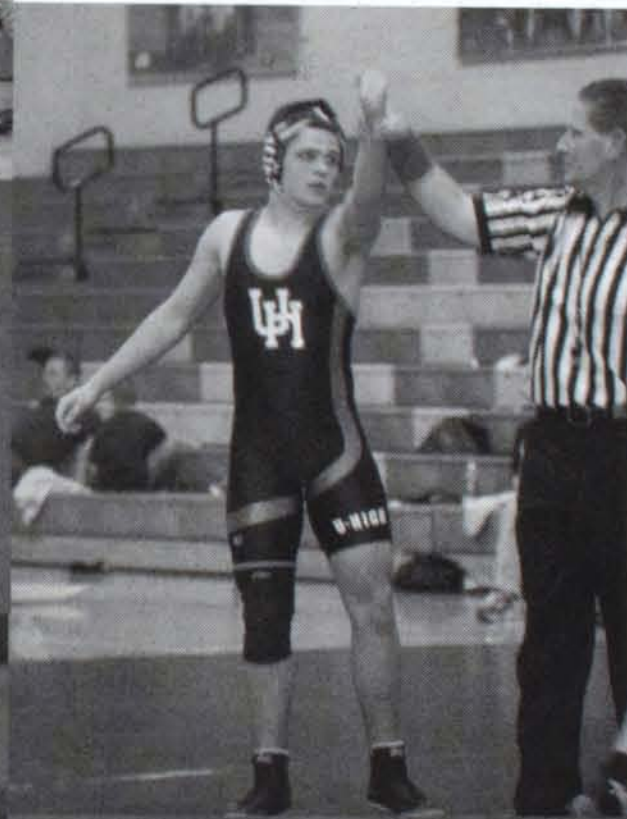
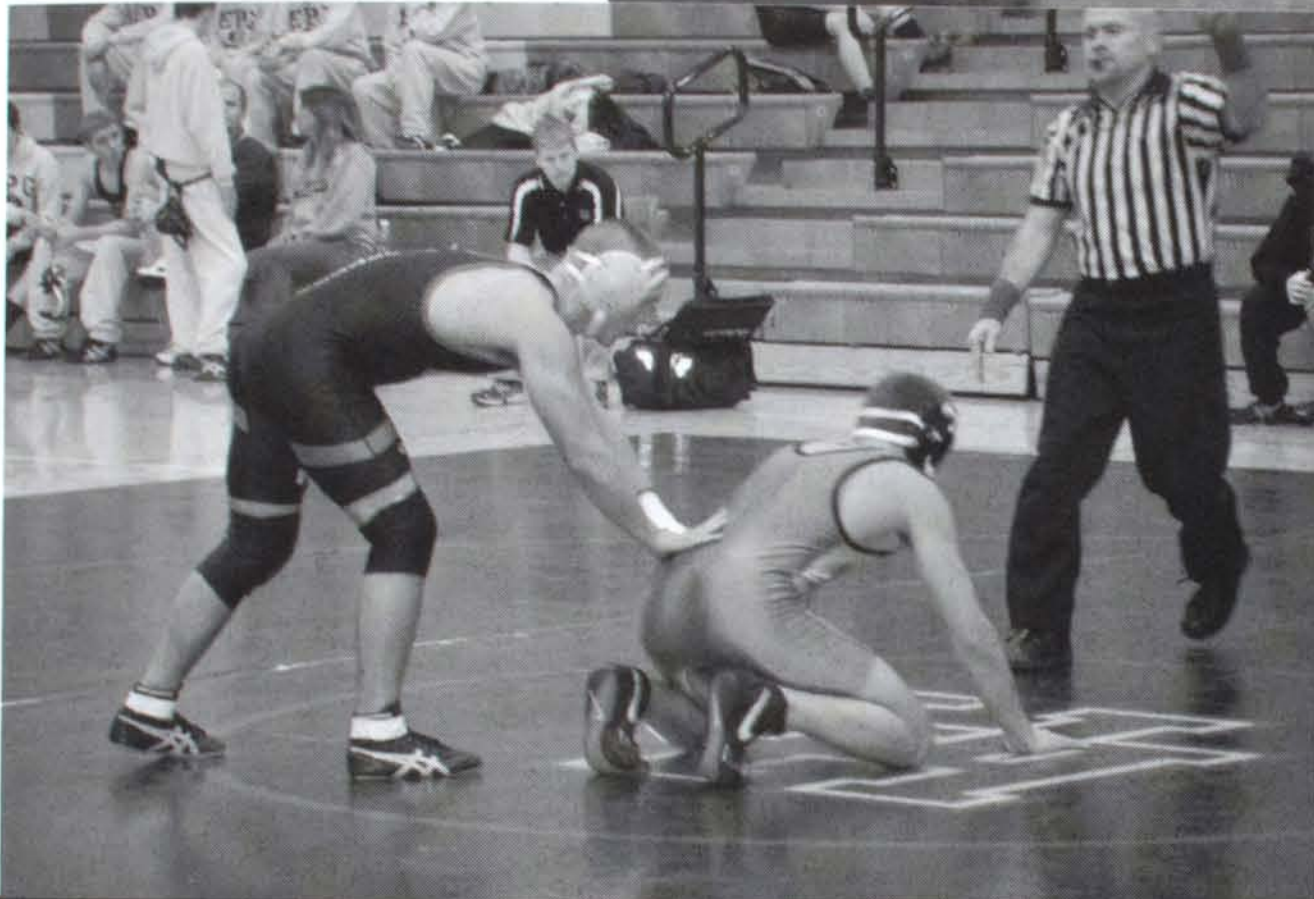
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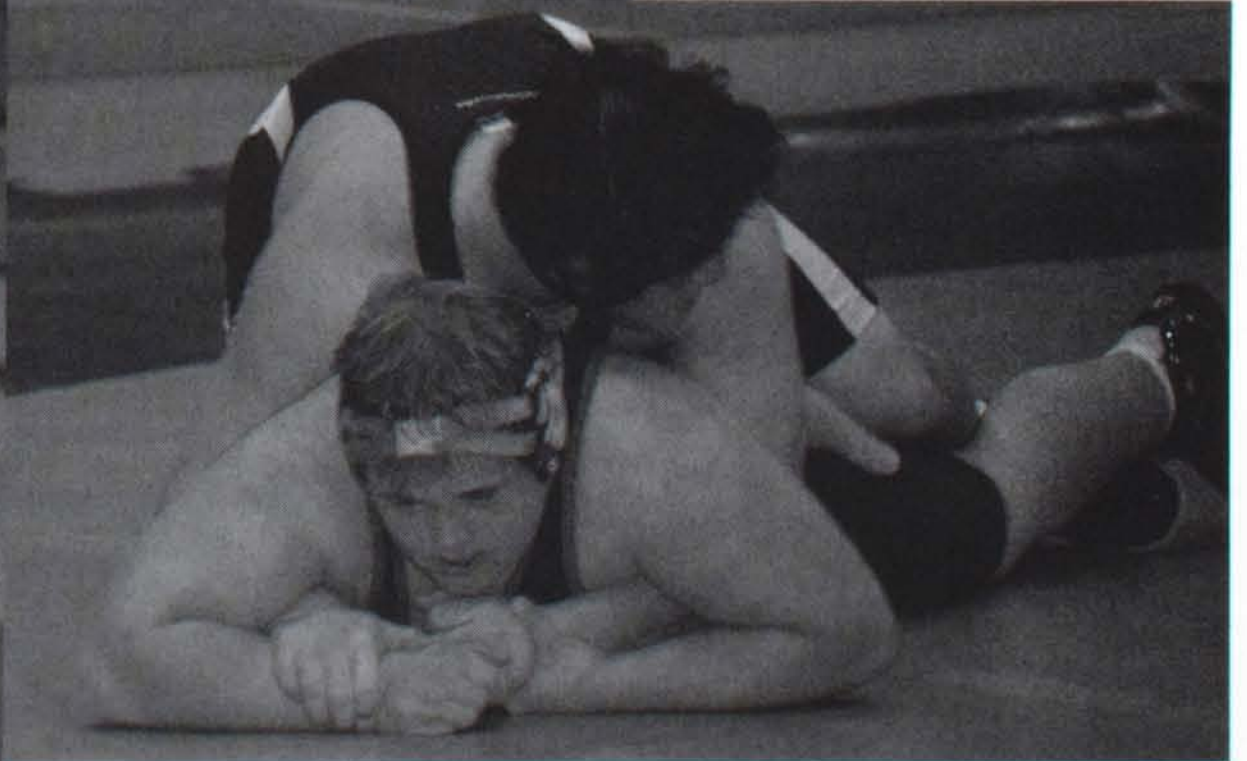
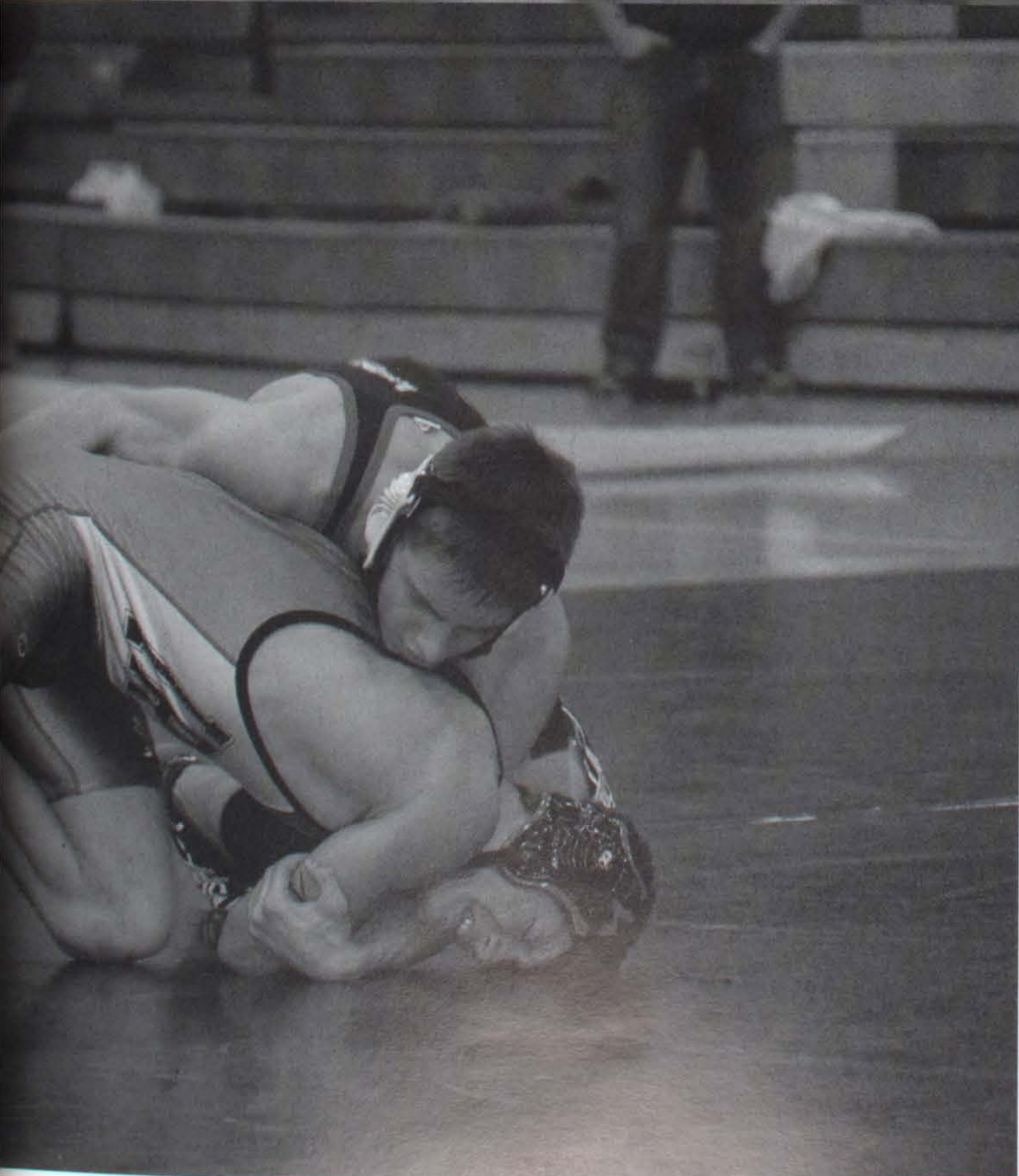




Coach Troll gives freshman John Munson a pep talk before his match. All photos by Jake Gendron 12-5-06 and 12-12-06. Junior Joe Waropay begins his match.



Sophomore Will Brucker is victorious after pinning his opponent. Junior Cory Olsen struggles to win back his position during a meet at NWHS.



Sophomore Jake Todino fights to hold his position during a home match.

HUNGRY SUCCESS

Sophomore Josh Davis comes up for a breath during a race. Photo by Alyssa Humphreys 12-12-06.



Sophomore Jack McCarthy gets his lead during the Intercity meet. Photo by Rachel Solava 1-23-07.



The boys swim team holds up their trophy after winning Intercity. Photo by Rachel Solava 1-23-07.



Sophomore Sebastian Grobe concentrates during a backstroke race. Photo by Rachel Solava 1-23-07.



Freshman Brad Saunders gets a breath during his race at Intercity. Photo by Rachel Solava 1-23-07.

SELF-DETERMINATION

The boys swim team pushes themselves further as more talented swimmers join the squad.

By: Rachel Solava & Luke Harbers

The boys swim team has a long standing tradition of success; and with all of the underclassmen talent on the team this year, it looked like they would be able to continue that tradition.

Last year, sophomore Josh Davis came very close to qualifying for state in the 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly, and the 500 freestyle. This year Davis' main goal was to qualify for state in his individual events. He nearly qualified for the 100 butterfly missing the state qualifying time by 1.83 seconds.

"The biggest challenge for me was believing in myself, but I learned from last year's experiences," Davis said.

Davis' biggest accomplishment was in the 200 medley relay, with sophomore Sebastian Grobe, freshmen Cole Rosenbaum, and junior Michael Fritz.

Rosenbaum was a great addition to the team this year. He was first on the area honor roll in the 100-back-stroke.

"I've been swimming for eleven years," Rosenbaum said. "But nothing has compared to the intensity of the high school season."

As was the case this year, the underclassmen played a big role on the team.

"Our younger guys helped us win Intercity and advance to state," Fritz said.

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SOPHOMORE JOSH DAVIS

To help the underclassmen achieve their full potential, lone senior captain Zachary Saajasto stepped up and became the leader for the team.

Saajasto was a leader who demonstrated a good work ethic and good sportsmanship," Davis said.

Work ethic was a key element for the team's success this year.

Practices were intense and grueling; each one started off with 30 minutes of weight training or dry land exercises, then each member swam nearly 7,000 yards.

"The guys on the team love the sport and we've all formed a really tight bond. There is something about spending five hours a day, six days a week that brought us closer," Fritz said.



BRING IT ON

The cheerleading squad steps up to the challenge and goes to competitions for the first time.

By: Becky Smith

As the cheerleading squad completed their long and strenuous football season, they then devoted their time, energy, and passion for the sport, by deciding to compete for the first time.

Once coach Andrea Markert decided that the team was ready to compete, the entire squad took a vote.

"As a squad, we wanted more recognition from the school for what we do. We thought we finally had what it took to put ourselves at the level of other competing schools," sophomore Ellyn Polley said.

Markert explained that the squad had to add extra practices which sometimes extended to three hours. On top of that, they added in weekend practices on Saturdays, as well as putting in many hours over Christmas break.

"Sometimes the cheerleaders were spending up to seven hours a day cheering," Markert said.

As the months passed and the competition approached, the girls started to get stressed, excited, and scared.

"To me, competing was a

mixture of emotions. At first I was really excited and then when it came close to our competitions I got really stressed. But once we performed I was so excited with our progress," senior co-captain Sarah Wintersteen said.

THE COMPETITION TAUGHT US HOW TO BE A TEAM. I LOVE THOSE GIRLS AND WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR THEM. THEY ARE INDEED MY SECOND FAMILY."

JUNIOR AMANDA REHTMEYER

The top five teams at sectionals proceeded to state and the girls placed seventh in their division at sectionals.

Junior co-captain Amanda Rehtmeyer said they wanted to place in sectionals, but understood that this was their first year and the squads they were up against have done this for a long time.

"We did very well for our first year and I am very proud of our squad," Rehtmeyer said.

Markert knew the girls did their personal best and explained that the point spread was very slight.

"I can honestly say that this was the best we've ever performed our routine. We stuck every stunt and our tumbling was great. There was only an eight and a half point difference between first place and seventh," Markert said.

"The competition taught us how to be a team. I love those girls and would do anything for them. They are indeed my second family," Rehtmeyer said.

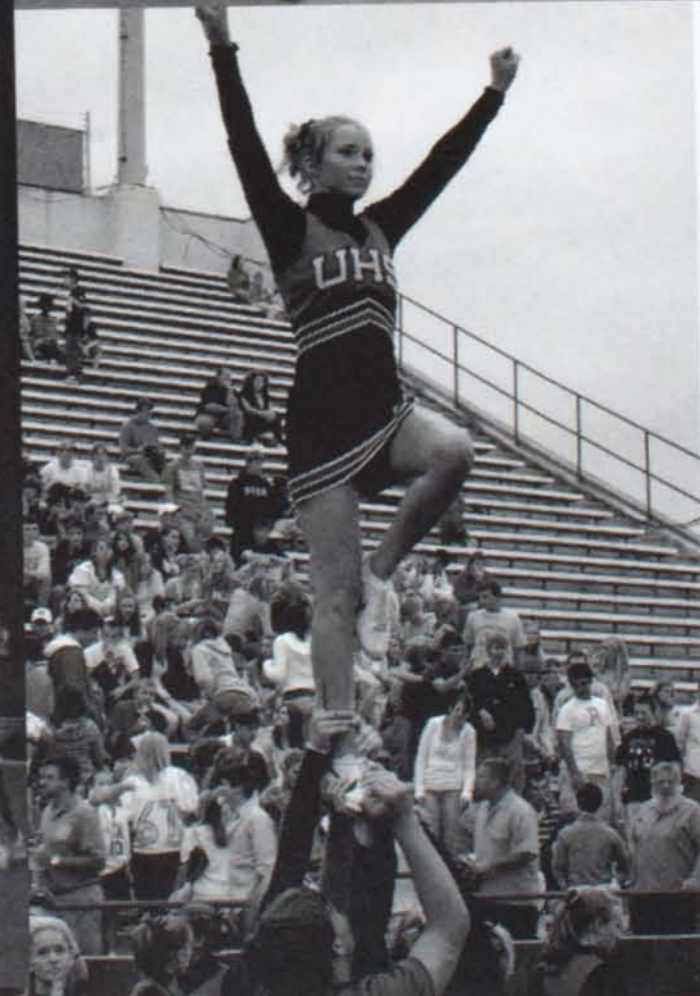


Senior Ashley Barber and sophomore Amanda Blair chant during a time out. Photo by Jake Gendron 2-16-07.

The cheerleading squad stunts during sectionals. Photo by Jake Gendron 1-7-07.



The cheerleading squad finishes with a U. Photo by Jake Gendron 1-7-07.
Cheerleaders stand on the sidelines during a basketball game. Photo by Kate Dessa 2-16-07.



Sophomore Hannah Corely flies during an intercity football game. Photo by Kate Dessa 9-1-06.



The cheerleading squad does a routine on senior night. Photo by Jake Gendron 2-16-07.

Senior Tyler Cook pitches another strike in the Corn Belt conference game against Rantoul. Photo by Kate Dessa 5-1-07.

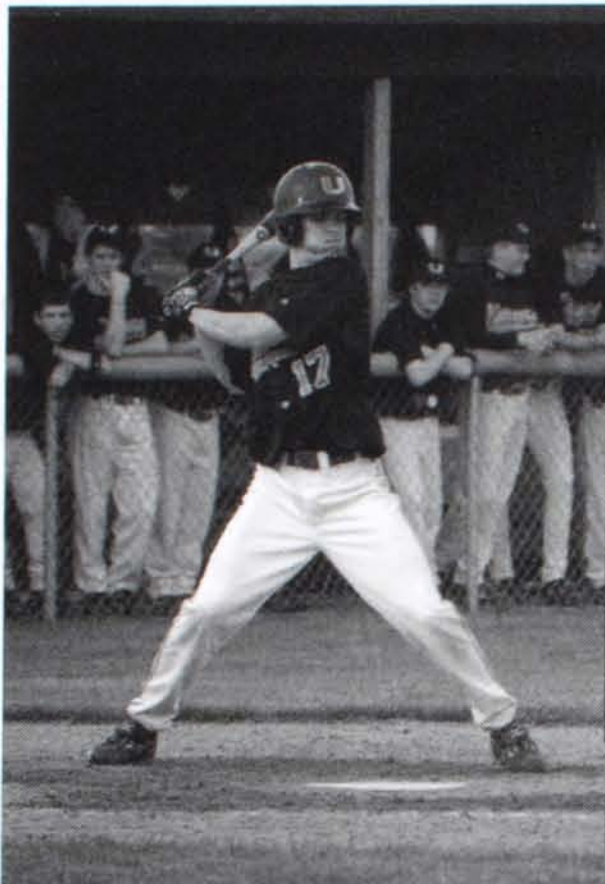


Team congratulates Cook for throwing a no-hitter inning during Corn Belt Conference game against Rantoul.

Photo by Kate Dessa 5-1-07.



Senior Jams Lam waits for the right pitch. Photo By Jake Gendron 4-17-07.



Senior Luke Graning swings at the pitch.

Photo by Kate Dessa 5-1-07.



Senior Tyler Cook throws a curve ball. Photo by Jake Gendron 4-9-07.



NO MERCY

Senior Tyler Cook throws a no-hitter during the first game of the Corn Belt Conference Tournament.

By : Kate Dessa

For the U-High baseball team the Corn Belt Conference tournament are some of the most anticipated games of the season. With Corn Belt champs on their record from last year, the boys were ready to take the title once again.

"The Corn Belt Conference games are the most important games besides post season." senior Jake Nord said. "Since we

won the tournament last year we were walking in with confidence to our first game of the tournament."

U-High ranked 4th played Rantoul ranked 5th for the first game of the tournament.

The boys knew it was going

to be a tough game, but were ready to play. Senior Tyler Cook was the starting pitcher and was focused on winning the game.

U-High gained the first run at the top of the 3rd inning and held off Rantoul for the rest of the game. Senior Tyler Cook was the main reason Rantoul was not getting on the score board.

Through the first six innings Cook had been throwing non-stop

strikes and was carrying the weight of a no-hitter on his shoulders.

"Throughout the game I tried to focus on each batter, but while I was in the dugout I tried to forget about my pitching and talk to my teammates about anything besides the no-hitter." Cook said.

As the end of the game neared the pressure began to build and Cook knew he was only three outs away from throwing his first no-hitter game.

"Physically my arm felt great, but I realized I had a no-hitter and I was really nervous going into the seventh." Cook said.

Although Cook was looking to make his first baseball career no-hitter, he was also trying to focus on keeping the

1-0 lead U-High had. Cook struck out the first two batters easily. As the third batter approached the plate Cook's nerves were at their peak.

"After that last out I was relieved that I threw it, and thankful I had a great defense behind me to make good plays." Cook said.

Cook was able to throw his first no-hitter and U-High won the game

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SENIOR TYLER COOK



MERCY

Junior Courtney Rogers throws to first. Photo by Rachel Solava 5-16-07.



Senior captain Megan Sallee goes for home plate. Photo by Jake Gendron 4-17-07.



Sophomore Lindsey Schroeder catches before getting injured. Photo by Jake Gendron 4-17-07.



Junior Rachel Vasquez throws a strike. Photo by Jake Gendron 4-17-07.



Junior Kristin Walker pitches her third out of the inning. Photo by Rachel Solava 5-16-07.



A FRESH START

Upperclassmen step up to help new freshman softball players.

By : Alyssa Humphreys

The U-High softball team pushed through many close games against tough opponents this year to use the season to rebuild the team. Setting them back was an injured foot from sophomore catcher Lindsay Schroeder.

“We had to put people in different positions that they weren’t used to or comfortable with. Right when we were starting to figure things out we had to change everything around and start over,” senior captain Megan Sallee said.

Through the season, the upperclassmen stepped up to help ease the many new faces onto the team and into high school sports. Schroeder said that because over half of the team was freshmen, the upperclassmen coached them to do better. This also helped with team bonding.

“By just having a good attitude on the team it helps a lot. It makes everyone else around feel more comfortable and if one person makes a mistake you know you can count on somebody else from the team to bring their head back up and help them get ready for the next play,” Schroeder said.

With so many new freshmen, the team was forced to use this season as a rebuilding year.

“I think the team just wanted to improve and get better for next year. I was the only senior, so pretty much the whole team will be back next year plus some new freshmen,” Sallee said.

Although their record may not show it, the girls feel that they had a successful season. The team had fun and played well against tough teams and managed to improve the team as a whole.

“We weren’t the best team out there so by playing against better teams, we learned to become one of our own,” Schroeder said.

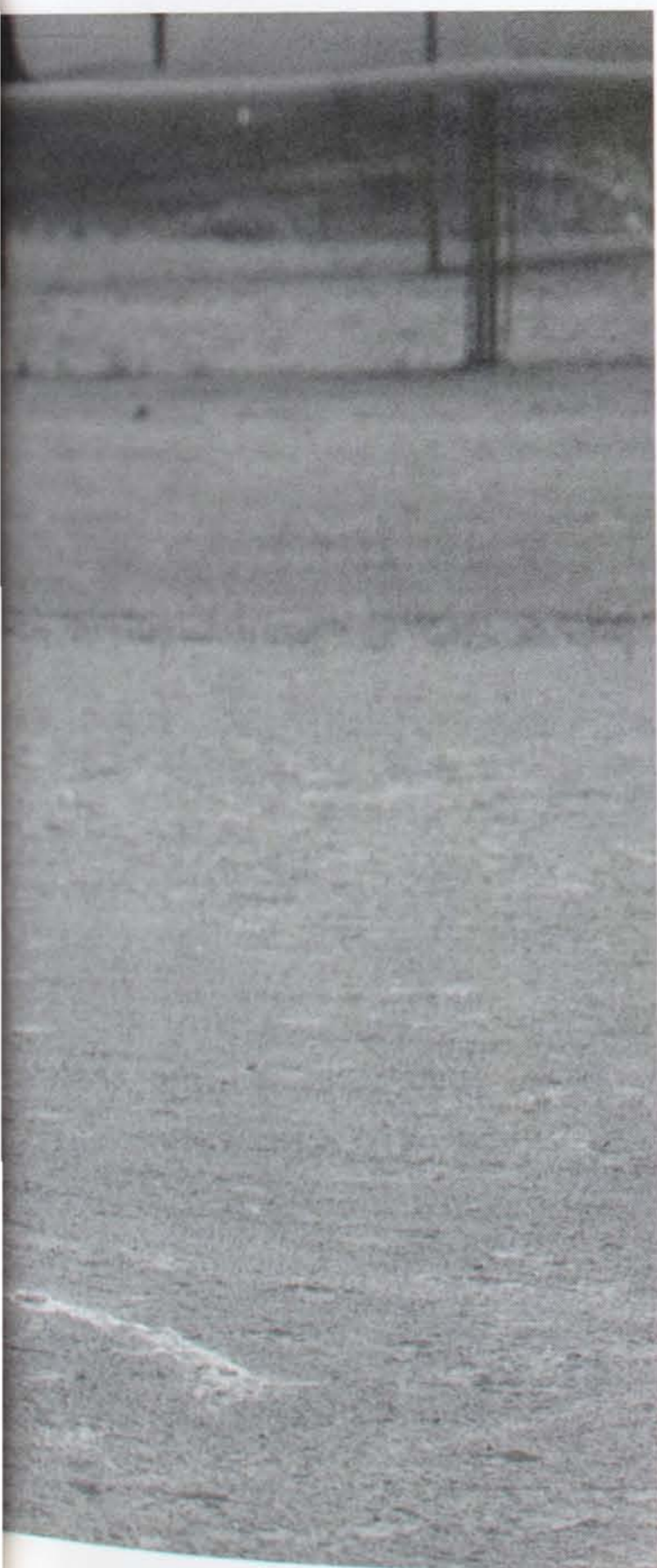
“We didn’t win that many games, but a lot of the games we lost were pretty close. There were a lot of times where we were a timely hit or two away from winning,” Sallee said.

This team proved that a record doesn’t matter. Going into the post season, other teams were still intimidated by the Pioneers.

“A lot of teams didn’t want to play us in the post-season because even though we didn’t have the best record, we had the ability to upset some good teams,” Sallee said.



Junior Shelby Martin hits a double. Photo by Rachel Solava 4-16-07.



SEASON ENDING INJURY

Senior Sarah Wintersteen's season was cut short due to an injury.

By: Alyssa Humphreys

Being in the soccer goal is what senior Sarah Wintersteen does, but her time in the goal was cut short with an injury in the middle of her senior season. Six seconds before half time in the Peoria Richwoods game, Wintersteen collided with the forward from the other team causing a torn PCL and a fractured knee cap.

"When it happened I was really upset. I was so excited because I was having my best game ever. I stayed in the rest of that half but when I got up to run, my knee just collapsed," Wintersteen said.

After surgery on April 30, the doctors predicted a six week recovery period.

Although Wintersteen's high school season was cut short, the injury won't affect her plans of playing at Monmouth College next year.

"The injury hasn't really affected me for college yet. I know that I won't be in the best shape and I may have to wear my brace for the first couple games, other than that I should be stronger than I was before," Wintersteen said.

Wintersteen was the team's only goalie. Due to the injury, a couple girls had to step up and learn to play goalie before the next game.

"I had just started working with sophomore Carly Stephens

before the injury happened, but she wasn't prepared enough to go in," Wintersteen said.

Even though Wintersteen can no longer contribute from the goal, she has still been a big part of the team. Wintersteen said she helped the two

new goalies, who shared the position for the end of the season.

"I couldn't contribute much but what I did help with was warming up who ever was playing goalie before the game. I explained when they should dive, or come out faster on the ball," Wintersteen said.

**SOPHOMORE
CARLY STEPHENS**

The injury was not only hard for Wintersteen, but for the rest of the team as well, especially the new goalies.

"I was really nervous when it happened. I knew I was unprepared. None of us expected something like this to happen," Stephens said.

The team played better with Wintersteen because they were used to her, Stephens said, but they adjusted well to the new goalies. Stephens also said that because Wintersteen is a senior, the team would have to get used to a new goalie soon anyway.

"We definitely weren't prepared when it happened, but we just had to deal with what we had and work harder from there," Stephens said.



Freshman Lindsey Spaits stops the ball from going into the goal.
Photo by Rachel Solava
5-16-07.

Freshman Jenna Wampler slides by Central Catholic.
Photo by Matt Shrier
4-26-07.



Junior Heather Wickenhauser prepares to kick the ball. Photo by Jake Gendron 3-28-07.



Senior Sophie Somers fights for the ball. Photo by Matt Shrier 4-26-07.



Junior Erin Sage tries to stop the opponent. Photo by Jake Gendron 3-26-07.



Sophomore Courtney Allen fights for the ball. Photo by Jake Gendron 3-28-07

RECORD BREAKERS

Boys track members break school records
while overcoming challenges.

By: Haley Stuckey

Dreams of seeing their names in big bold letters on the record board in the U-High lounge fueled the members of this year's boys track team. Although some dreams were crushed and others were realized, the year's track season was an overall success.

After four track seasons at U-High senior Preston Smith finally captured the school record in the 300 hurdles that had previously stood for 19 years.

"I always thought I could break the record because I was so close last year. All I needed was another year of training and better technique, and I knew the record would fall," Smith said.

Smith was not the only team member to bathe in the glory of success. Junior Scott Blair broke the school record in the discus. Blair threw a personal best by over ten feet setting the new record at 159 ft. seven in.

"When I broke the record, it felt like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders. I had been trying to get it all season and put a lot of pressure on myself, so when it finally happened, it was a great relief," Blair said.

Not all of the potential record breakers were so lucky this year. After finishing his junior season only five

tenths off of the school record of 21.7 seconds in the 200 meter dash, senior Kyle Leduc was determined to take the record for himself in the 2007 season. His hopes were crushed while running his first 200 of the season at Normal Community. Leduc re-injured his hamstring which he had spent his junior year rehabilitating.

"The worst part about my injury was that I was on pace to break the school record and was winning the race when it happened," Leduc said.

Leduc's injury hit him hard, but he refused to quit.

"It was a very big disappointment, but I

approached it so I could take something positive from the situation," Leduc said.

Despite being told he would be unable to run again, Leduc's determination enabled him to return for the sectional meet and help the 4x100 meter relay qualify for the state meet. However, Leduc received yet another unlucky break falling just after the finish line in the 4x100 race and breaking his arm.

Although Leduc was unable to meet his personal goals, his winning attitude as well as Smith and Blair's contributions helped in an overall successful track season.

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**SENIOR
PRESTON SMITH**

Junior Sean Hastings bursts out of the blocks. Photo by Rachel Solava 5-7-07.





Hastings sprints ahead in the boys 1600 meter medly.

Photo by Haley Stuckey 5-1-07.

Senior Preston Smith gets set in his blocks for the 400 meter dash at the intercity meet.

Photo by Haley Stuckey 4-24-07.



Junior Kevin Forde sets the pace in the 2 mile. Photo by Haley Stuckey 5-1-07.



Smith takes the lead in the 1600 meter relay at Olympia. Photo by Haley Stuckey 5-1-07.

RECORD BREAKERS

Senior Paige Durchholz bursts out of the starting blocks. Photo by Rachel Solava 5-7-07.



Sophomore Amanda Lawler throws the shot put. Photo by Rachel Solava 4-23-07.



Sophomore Rachel Johnson prepares for the start of the race. Photo by Rachel Solava 3-24-07.



Senior Kelsey Kraft runs the 4x100 meter relay. Photo by Haley Stuckey 5-1-07.



Junior Lauren Bailey prepares to throw the discus. Photo by Rachel Solava 5-7-07.



THROWING TO STATE

Field events take junior Lauren Bailey to state in track.

By: Rachel Solava

When most people think of girls track and field, the field aspect is often left out. Events such as long jump, high jump, shot put, and discus are often overlooked, however, these events are just as important.

Junior Lauren Bailey has been throwing shot put and discus since eighth grade. This year she qualified for state in both events.

"The challenging part about throwing is clearing

your mind after a bad throw. It's difficult to erase the throw, go back out and throw really well the next time," Bailey said.

Bailey enjoys both events equally; however, she feels she has improved more in shot put. Freshman year, she was only throwing 30 feet. Now, her personal record is 38 feet.

"I like shot put because I can release my aggressions out in a safe, non harmful way. My favorite part of discus is having a perfect form and making a perfect throw. When everything is perfect, the throw is good and I feel good," Bailey said.

Because of safety reasons, shot put and discus have to be away from the rest of the track events. Coach Jerry Parsons understands the

field events are not in the main stream.

"They are very individual events and require skills other than running. These are skills you don't grow up using. The throwers have to

learn totally different movements and techniques," Parsons said.

According to Parsons, Bailey has used her experience, work ethic, and desire to

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**JUNIOR
LAUREN BAILEY**

improve to get to the level she is currently at. Even though Parsons wanted all of the athletes to excel and improve, his main goal was for them to have fun.

"I hope the girls take enjoyment away from this season. It is different for each of them, and they decide what that is. I want them to remember the good times because in 50 years, their times or distances won't matter," Parsons said.

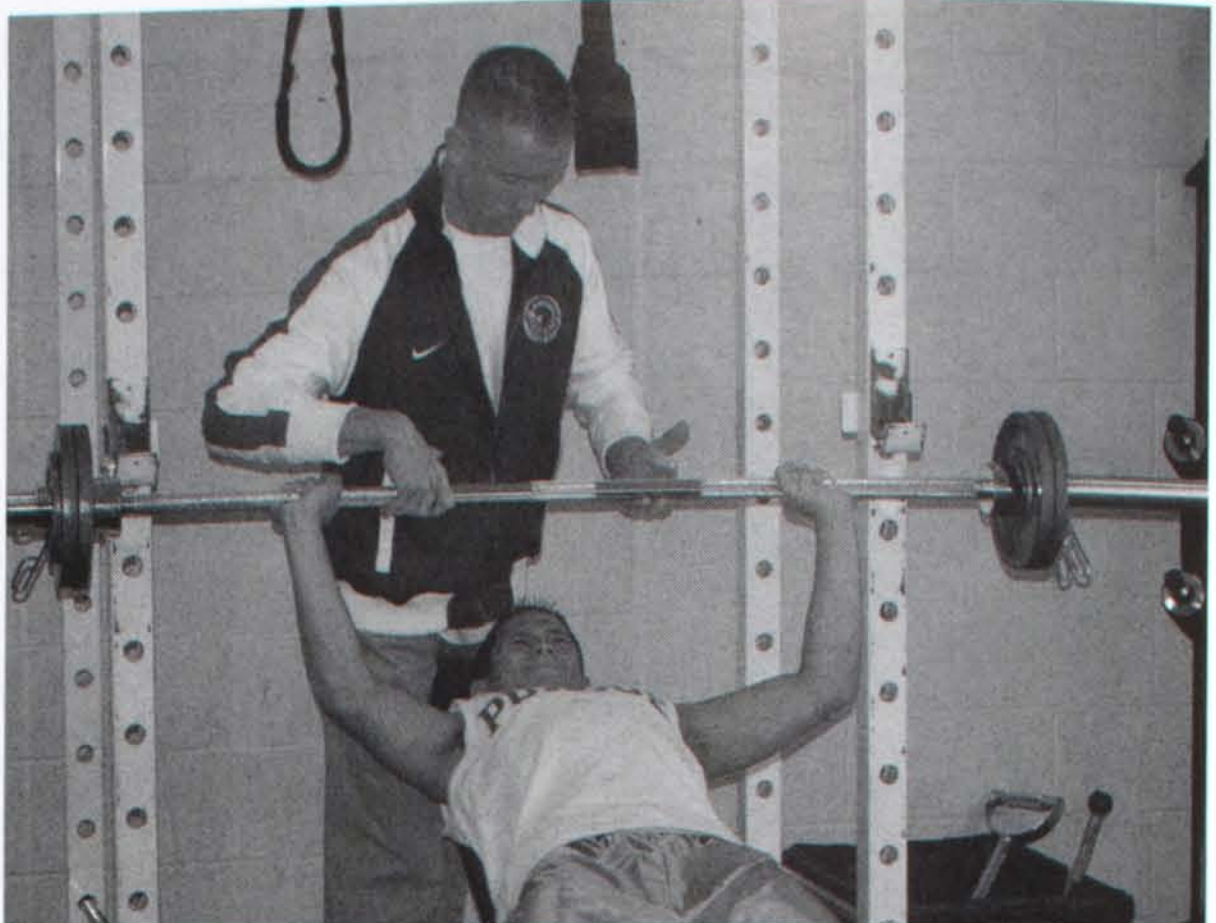
Bailey had fun this year, but she also made leaps and bounds in improving her throws. She now holds the school record for shot put at 37 ft., nine in. Her goal for next year is to beat the discus record of 122 ft. six in.

"I hope that I can beat that next year and set the bar high so no one can get it for a while," Bailey said.

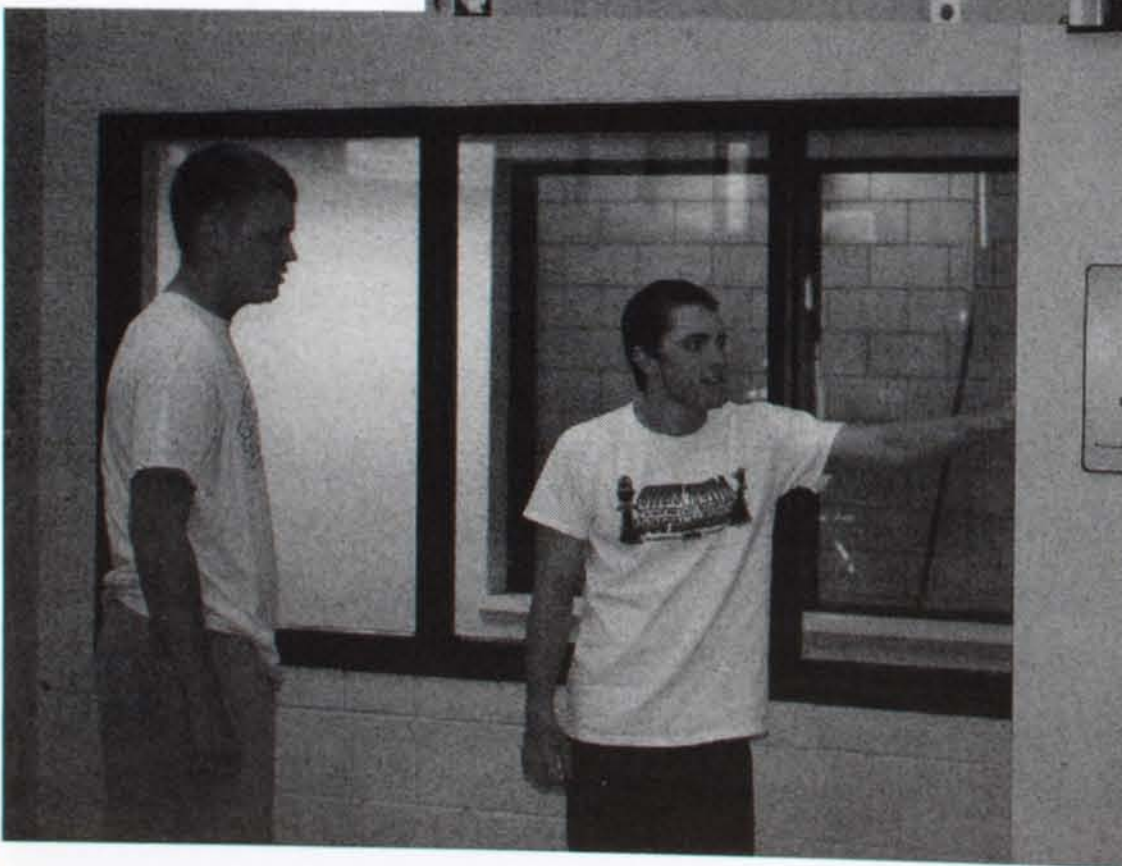
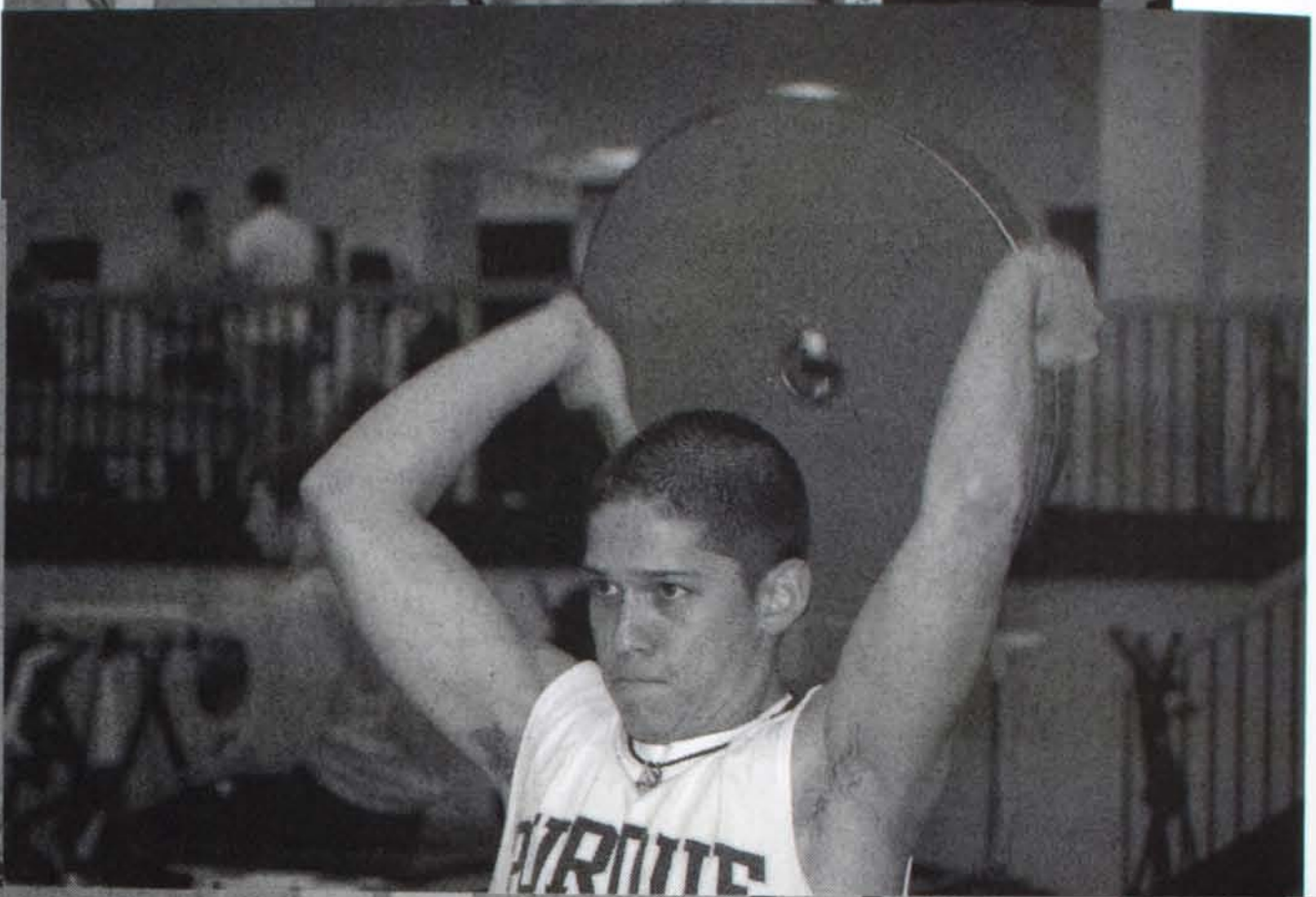
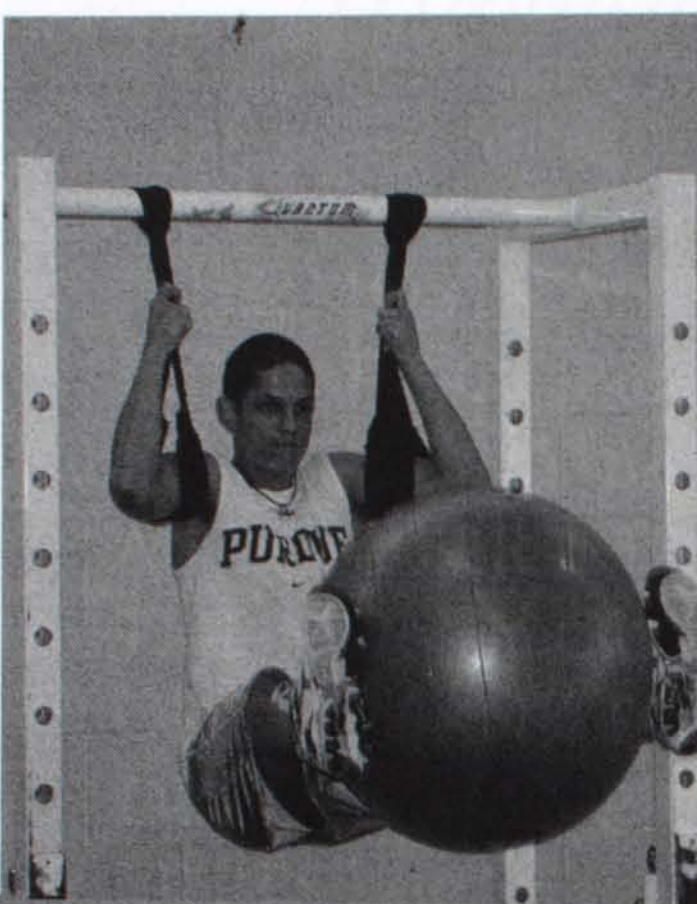


G TO STATE
for Lauren Bailey to state in
track

Senior James Lam is guided by trainer Nate Henry on a bench press exercise. All Photographs by Aaron Walker on 10-12-06. Senior James Lam concentrates during an overhead exercise.



Senior James Lam works on strengthening his abdominal muscles. Senior Mike Rotsch shows junior Andy McNeely the exercises for the day.



Senior Mike Rotsch demonstrates how to properly run an exercise on the treadmill to junior Andy McNeely.

BIGGER, FASTER, STRONGER

U-High students find themselves getting in shape after school.

By: Aaron Walker

Usually in high school, students find themselves working, singing in choir groups, practicing for the school play, or doing homework after school. But for some U-High students, getting healthier is their after-school activity.

For senior James Lam, and senior and junior brothers Mike and Kevin Rotsch, Sports Enhancement Center (SEC) in Bloomington is the place they go to after school to get in shape. SEC

is a sports injury and physical therapy clinic where people of all ages come to get bigger, faster, and stronger.

"The goal of SEC is to train athletes from the inside-out," Marketing Representative and trainer, Nate Henry said. "We try to improve all aspects of training performance and to develop full body strength and power."

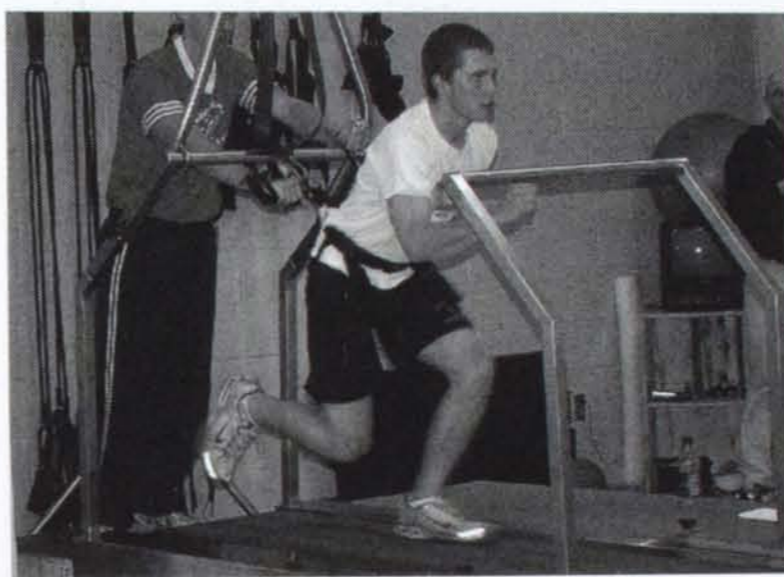
Henry has been a trainer at SEC for three years and loves what he does. For him, the most rewarding aspect of his job is being part of the community and seeing the kids grow and succeed. At SEC they post articles from the newspaper of athletes that have worked out there and have succeeded in their sport.

"At SEC the trainers are more personable," Lam said. "I have great relationships with all of them here."

According to Henry, if you aren't doing anything after school,

working out and getting healthier is what you should be doing.

"If kids don't have a job they should be working out because it teaches good lifestyle habits," Henry said.



Rotsch works on his hamstrings, while running on the treadmill at SEC.

The Rotsch brothers have been going to SEC after school for six years. They both are involved in the Frappier Acceleration Program, which increases athletes' flexibility and agility.

"SEC is the only place in town

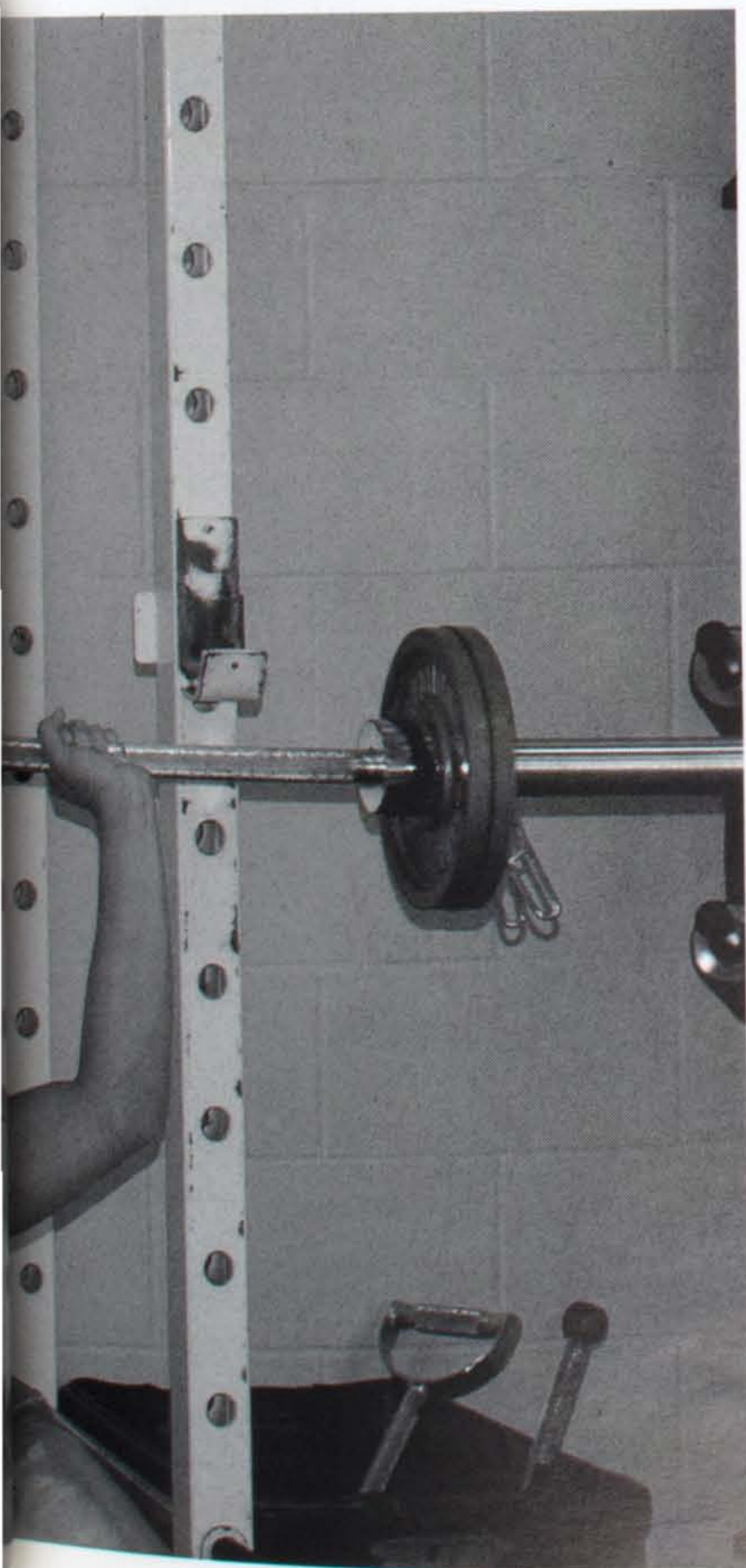
that has the Frappier Acceleration Program," Mike said. "I wouldn't go anywhere else."

Lam and the Rotschs don't just lift at SEC, they also help out the trainers. When there's a new athlete at SEC, they show them the ropes and get them started on their program. When a trainer's not available, they give the other athletes guidance.

"I have answered the phone a couple of times but mostly I just show the kids what to do," Kevin said.

In the three years Lam and the Rotsch's have been lifting together, they have developed a strong friendship and are happy that they have something in common between them.

"Mike and I have been lifting together for a long time," Lam said. "It's fun to see each other progress and get stronger together."



EXTRA EXERCISE

Students play sports that they wouldn't usually play during P.E.

By: Jake Gendron

At 1:10p.m. students walked out of the locker rooms and began stretching as they prepared for a competitive game of basketball. After being divided into their two teams, Coach Bob Morris threw up the jump ball and monitored the class as if it were a real game.

"My class really gets into P.E. games. We get really physical and competitive. So far my favorite unit is basketball," sophomore Annie Nord said.

Nord was the only player in the one o'clock P.E. class that played for U-High's basketball program.

Even though she was the only one, all the other students played just as hard and made every minute of the game exciting and fun.

Senior Daniel Vazquez did not play for the school basketball team, but still loves the game and plays pickup games whenever he can.

"I enjoy playing P.E. basketball because it allows me to get great exercise and competitively play against my

classmates," Vazquez said.

Although this was only a P.E. basketball game, the regular rules were used. Timeouts and a two minute half time were given to the teams.

"The half time allows the students to rest for a little bit and get a drink of water if needed," Morris said.

Morris acted as a referee and teacher at the same time. Calling fouls

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SOPHOMORE ANNIE NORD

and yelling out the score when needed. He also encouraged other students to play a more active role in the game. Sometimes he added rules to make the games more interesting.

In the end there were no winners or losers, just a class

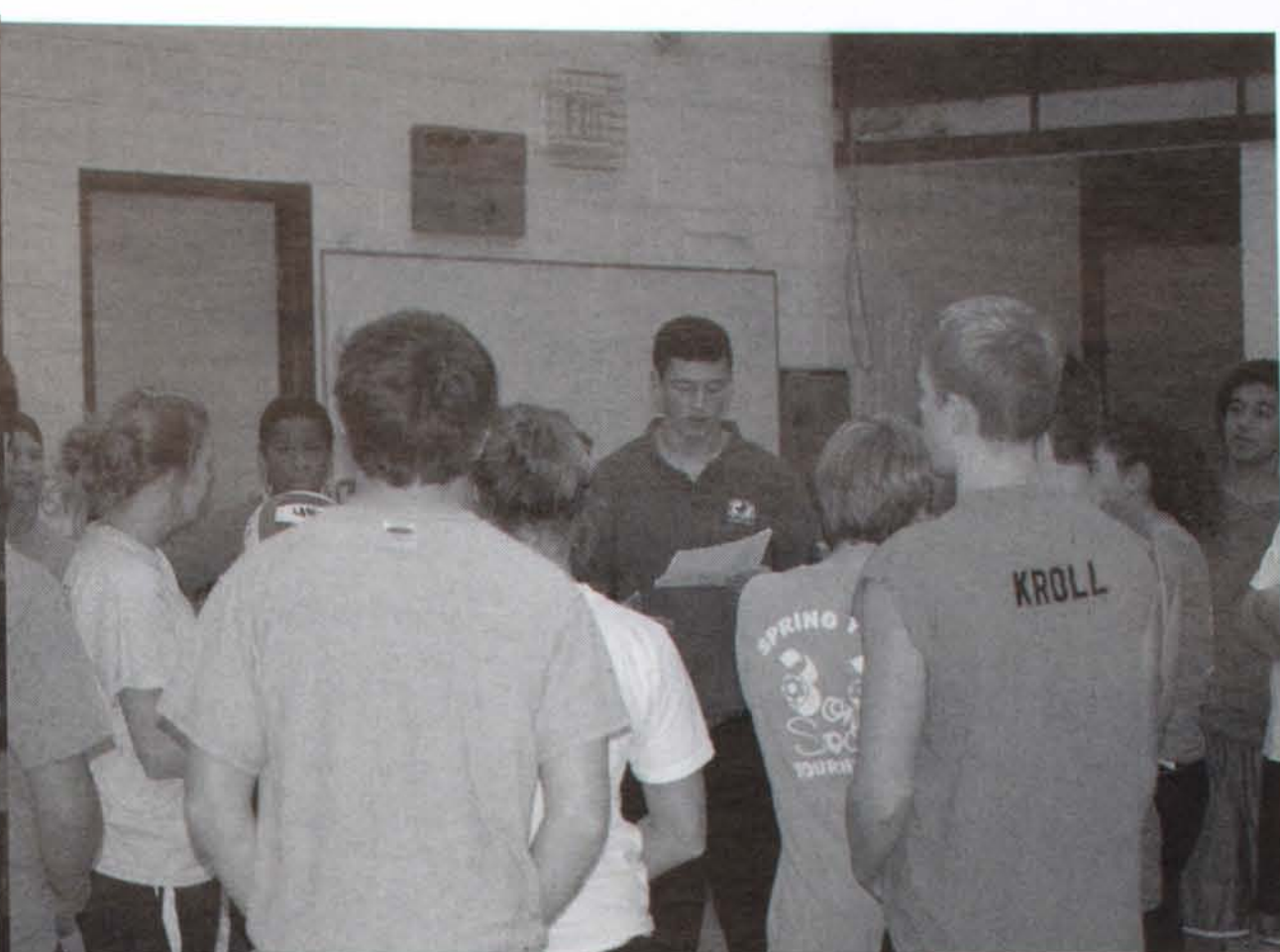
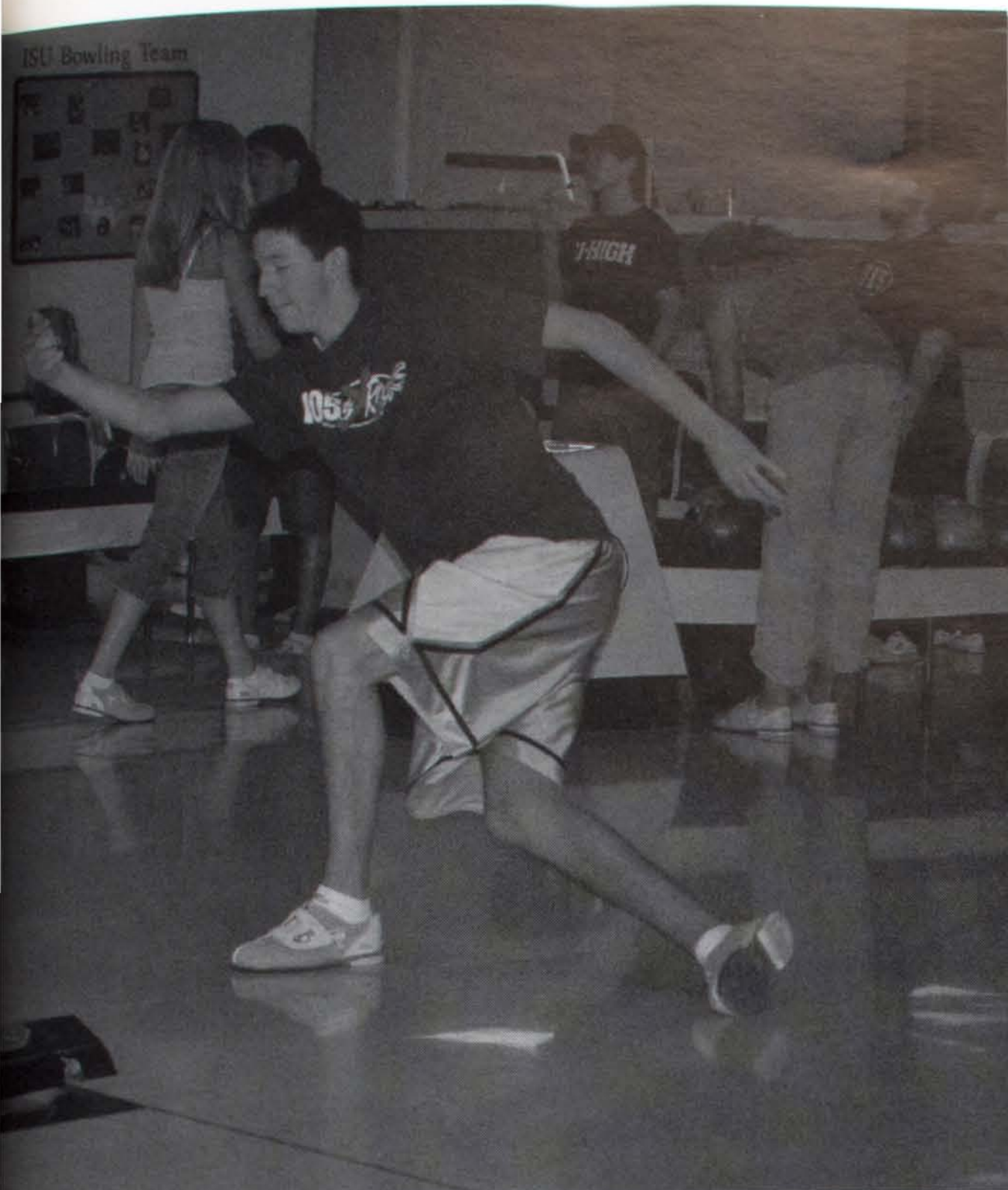
of students participating in a competitive P.E. basketball game and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

"P.E. is truly the most important part of a student's day because it releases stress and allows them to have fun," Morris said.

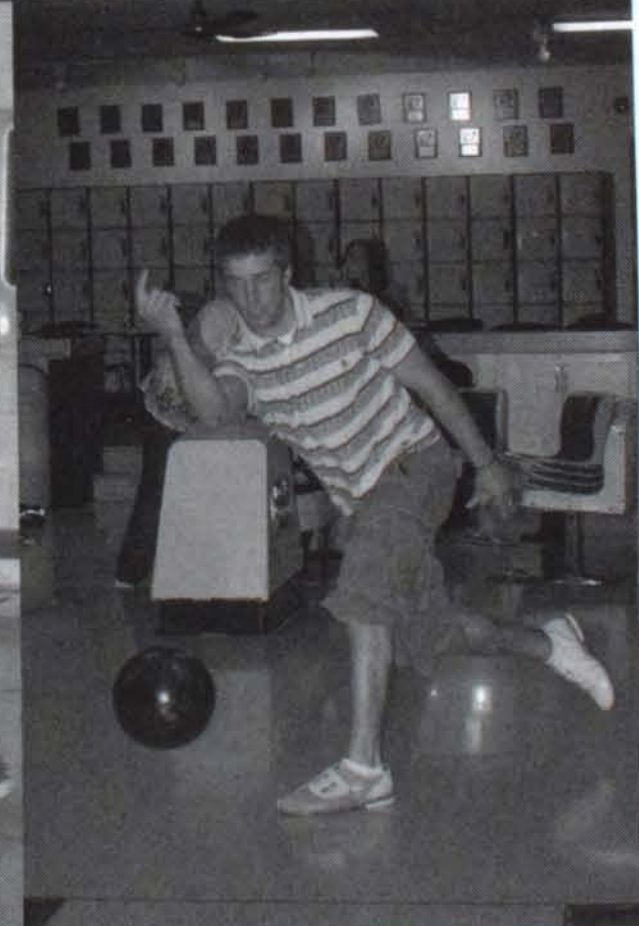
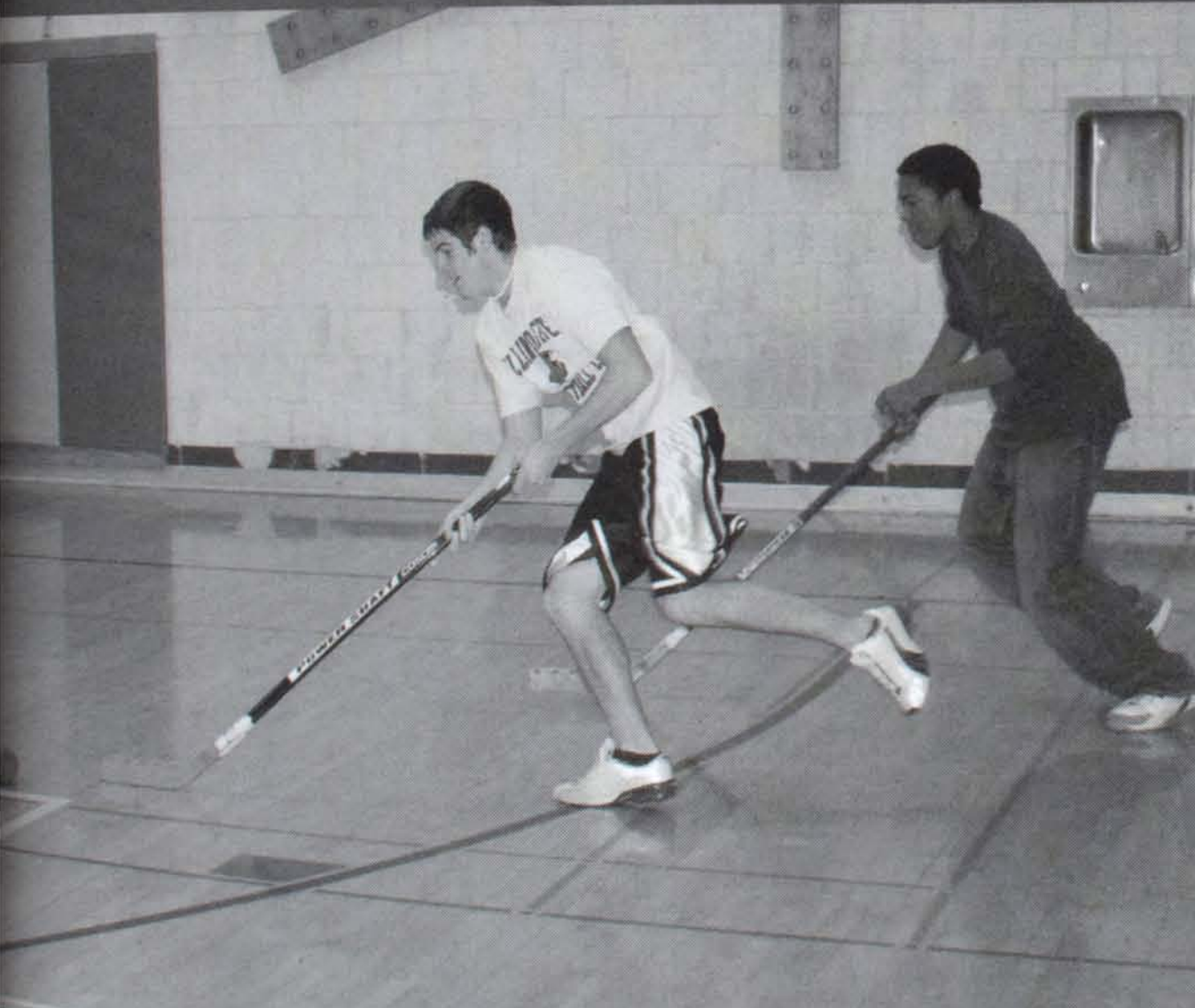


Senior Ryan Janusch bowls a strike during P.E. All photos by Jake Gendron 11-15-06, 2-22-07, 3-19-07, and 5-9-07.

Senior Ryan Doubet races towards the goal.



A student teacher picks teams for volleyball.



Senior Dan Vazquez dribbles the ball down the court. Senior Luke Graning goes for the spare.

Sophomore Kelly Harrell stretches before playing volleyball.



CHANGE UP

Three on Three tournament turns into an all school party and an overall success.

By: Rachel Solava

The noise coming from the lounge and gym on the evening of Thursday, April 5 wasn't overpowering. The thud from the bouncing basketballs mixed with the rap music coming from the speakers. There was also a slap of a volleyball, distant pulsing beats produced by the Dance Dance Revolution game, and the soft chatter and laughter from a group of students playing cards.

This year Senate decided to transform the traditional Three on Three basketball tournament into an all school party, consisting of a volleyball tournament, board games, and DDR in addition to the basketball. Even though the party wasn't crowded, over \$100 was raised for charity and students enjoyed themselves at an unconventional party.

"Mr. Bob Fitzgerald first brought up the idea because he had an all school party when he was in school. We hoped it would target more people," senior coordinator Jessica Busse said.

"The student body showed an interest in volleyball. We wanted everyone to get involved because not everyone plays basketball," junior coordinator Liz Phipps said.

Even though there were only six teams involved in the volleyball bracket, the players still had a good time.

"We were a little pushed for

time. Our games were all pushed together one after another because there wasn't going to be enough time for all of them. We also weren't able to have a loser's bracket because of the time constraint," junior Hillary Giesel said.

The basketball tournament had a similar competitive and entertaining atmosphere.

This was junior Mika Tanaka's first time playing in the basketball tournament.

"I actually don't like basketball. I don't play, but my friends needed one more player for their team, so they talked me into it," Tanaka said.

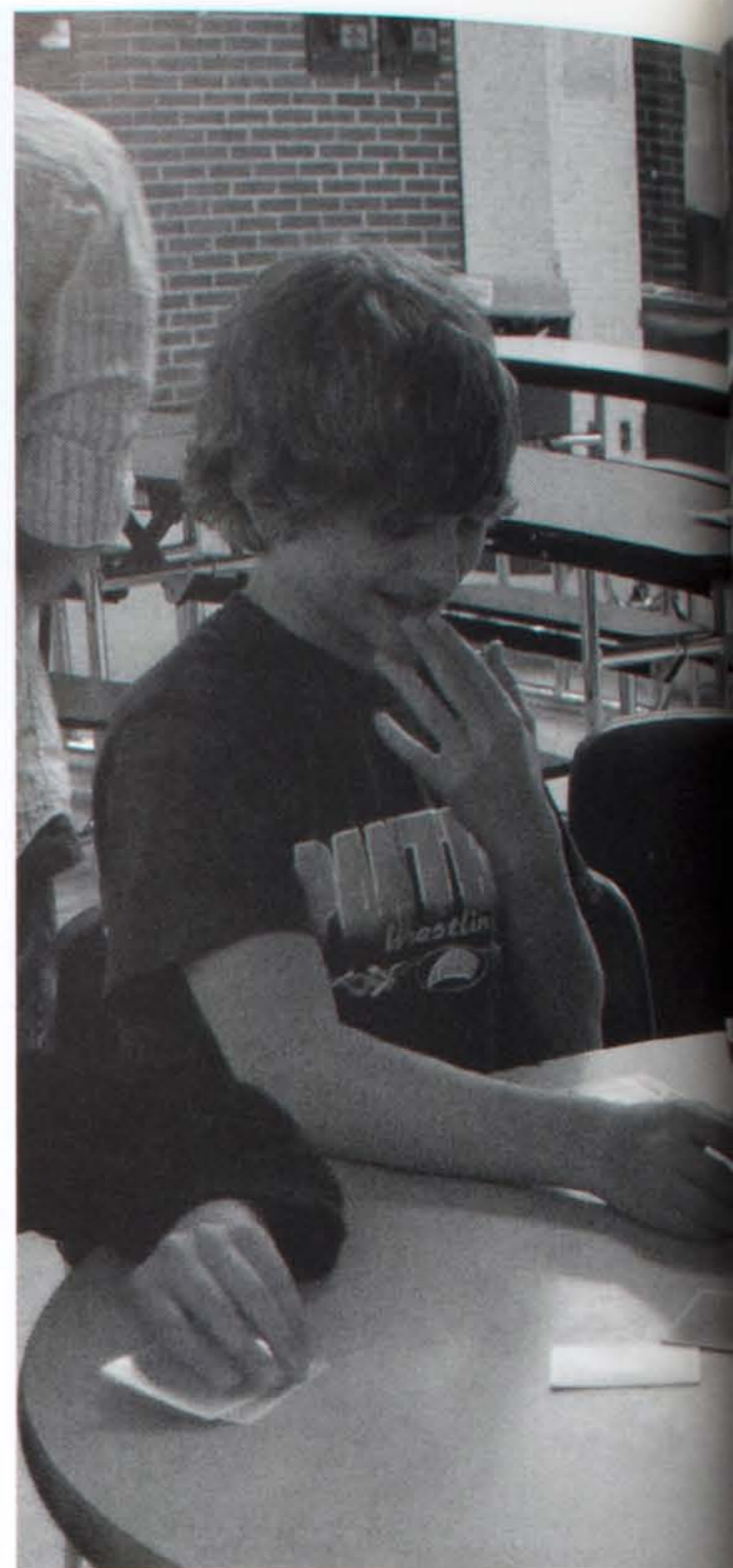
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The students watching the games had as much fun as those on the court.

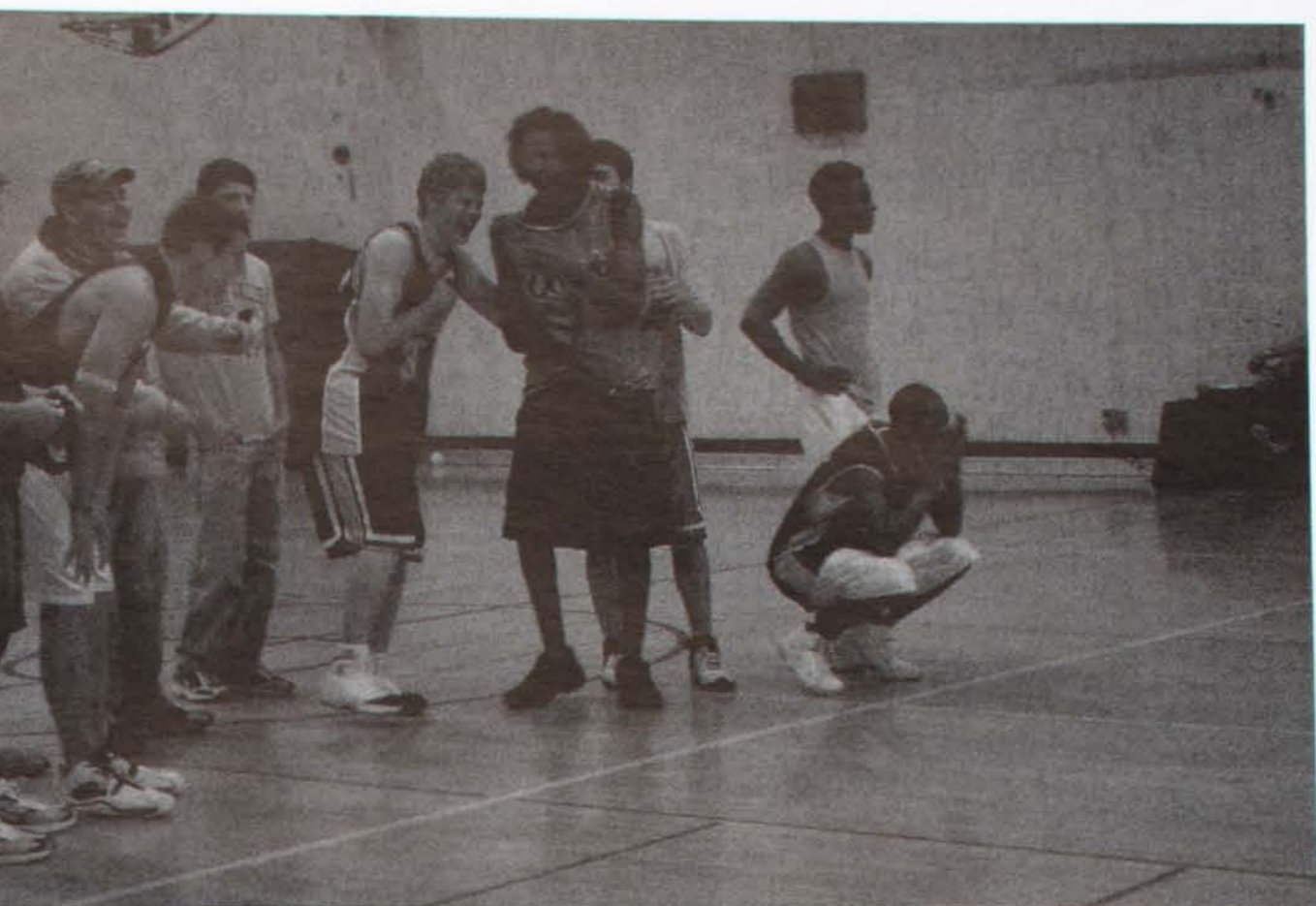
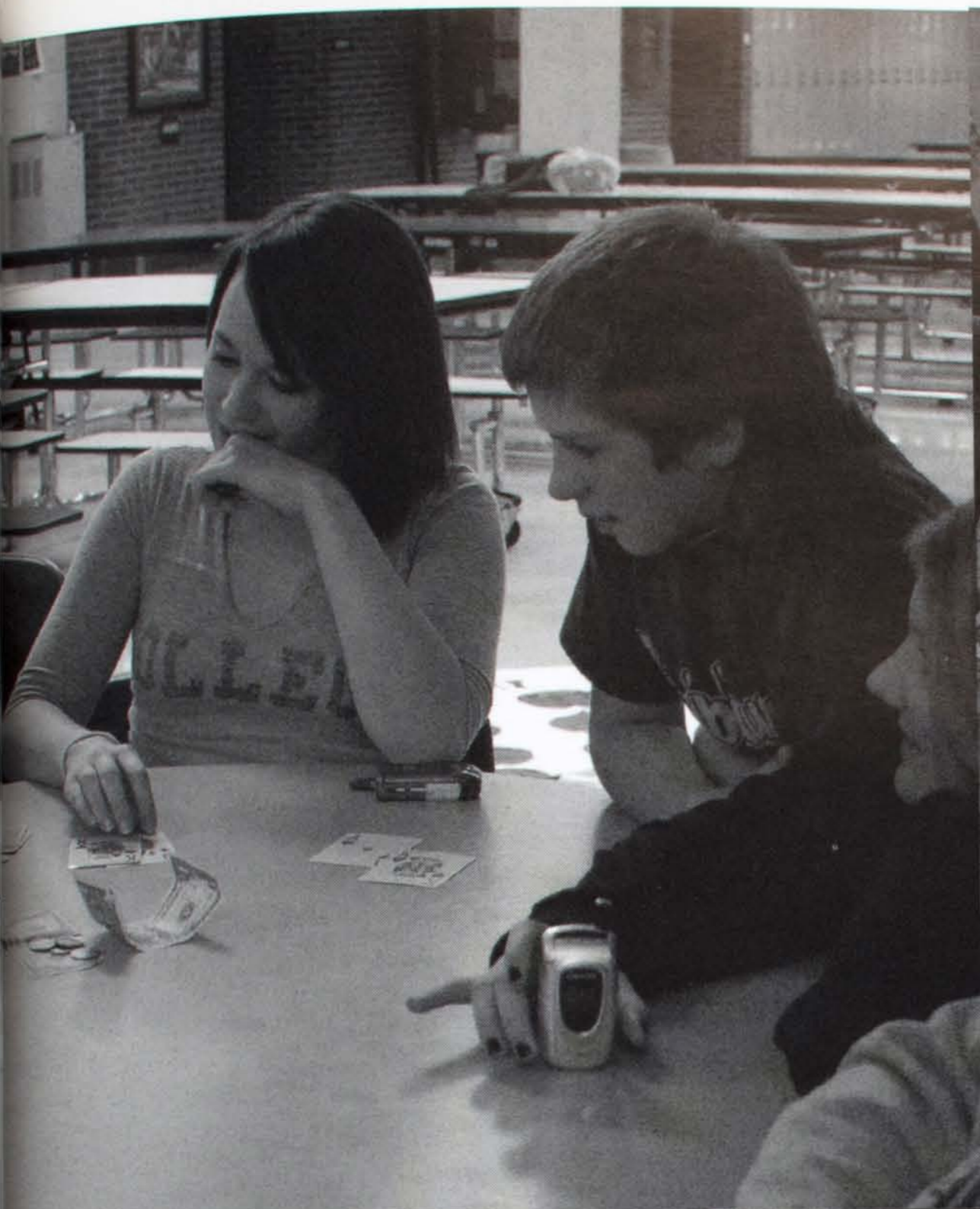
"The games were really high energy because the people watching made all kinds of sound effects depending on what happened. It was just as fun to watch the games as it was to watch the reactions of the crowd," Tanaka said.

Expanding the Three on Three basketball tournament into an all school party was a success according to Phipps. New ideas for next year are already being thought of.

"I hope next year they add dodge ball. It would get even more people involved," Giesel said.



Freshman Drew Todino goes all in when playing poker with fellow students at the school party. All photos by Kate Dessa 4-5-07



Junior Ben Hall and senior David Johnson laugh at an on going game.



Junior Derek Dauenaugh shoots a three pointer during the championship game while senior Aaron Schroeder tries to block his shot. Freshman Gowtami Rajendran plays Dance Dance Revolution during the all school party.



Senior Joe Anhalt goes up for the rebound during the semi-final game. Sophomore Vince Chiodo shoots at the buzzer.

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Victory Has Never Tasted So Sweet

By: Aaron Walker & Kate Dessa

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a rival is "A person or thing that is in a position to dispute another's superiority."

When it comes to the rivalry between U-High and Central Catholic, this definition could not be clearer. And no one understands the rivalry better than the U-High fans themselves.

For students slated to go to Central Catholic, but chose U-High, the rivalry was even more intense.

"I had gone to school with all those kids for nine years and I just wanted a change of atmosphere," senior John Mersch said.

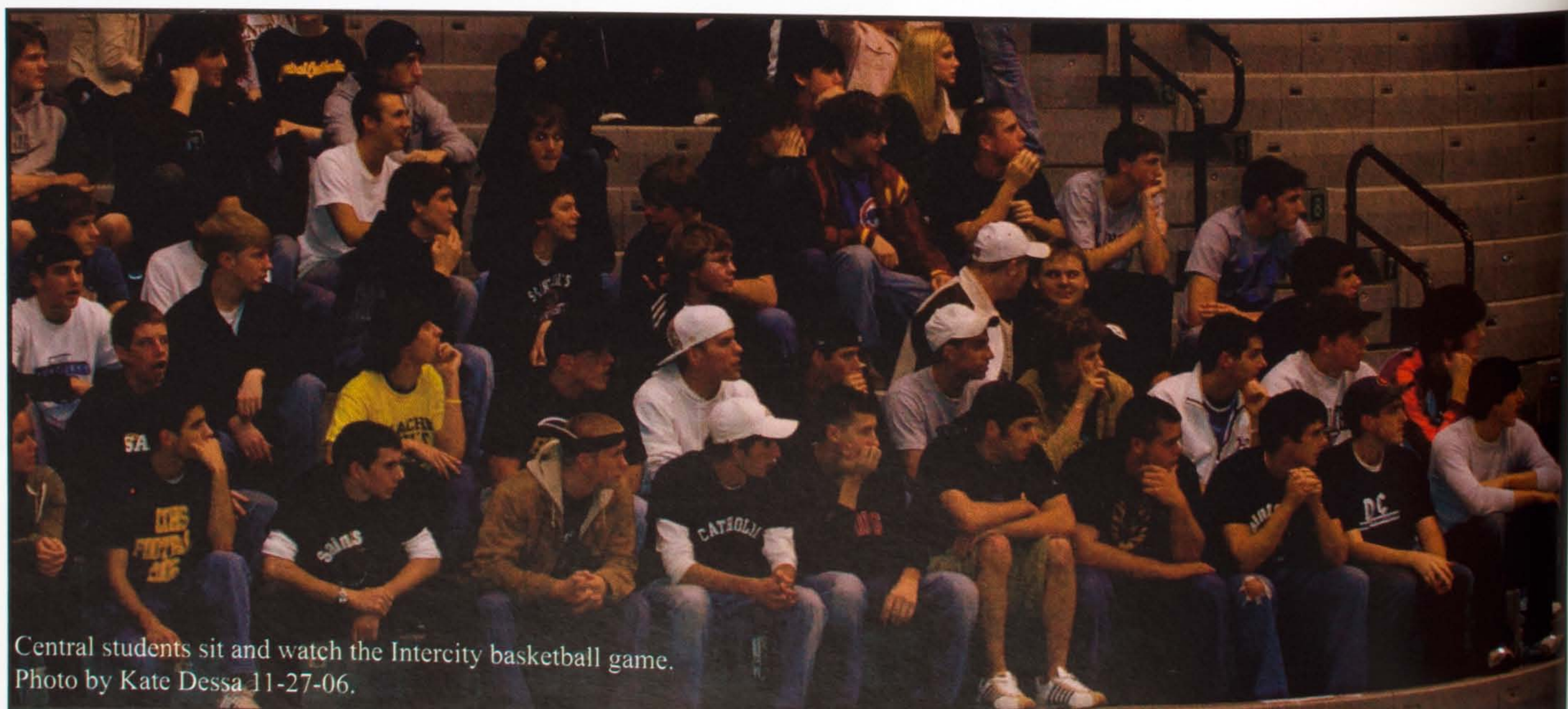
No matter what the sport, U-High fans are always there to cheer on their fellow athletes when playing Central Catholic. From cross coun-

try to basketball, boys and girls alike are decked out in green and gold apparel to support the team.

For students, such as senior Dusty Koth, who came from a Central Catholic middle school and now plays a sport for U-High, the competitive spirit was always high. But in Koth's instance, the rivalry was more apparent in sports such as basketball and football rather than his sport of golf.

"The other sports are more fun to watch and I feel more connected to the team," Koth said. "When I attend other sporting events, emotions and attitudes get kind of heated."

Fans were the core to the competition between U-High and Central this year, and in most cases, were what brought the spirit to the games.



Central students sit and watch the Intercity basketball game.
Photo by Kate Dessa 11-27-06.

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So when it came to the second chance against Central in boys basketball, after a tough loss in intercity, the U-High fans were ready to redeem themselves.

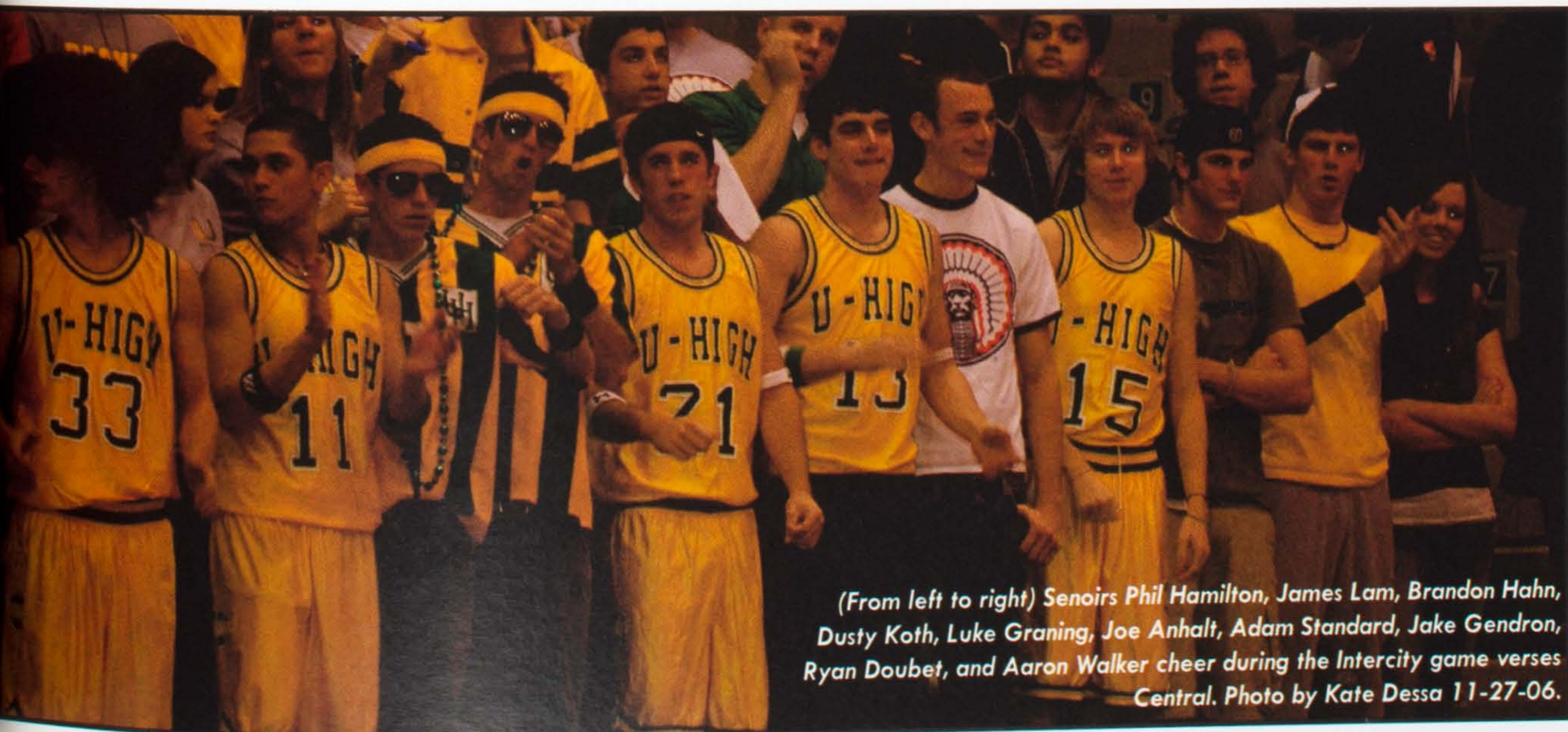
With a sea of green and gold covering Central's gym and senior boys with painted chests, the adrenaline was running high and the stakes were even higher.

"After beating them, we feel like we have accomplished something," senior Luke Graning said. "We can talk to them with confidence and our heads held high."

The bragging rights were what both teams were looking for and the crowds waited in anticipation to see which team would come up on top.

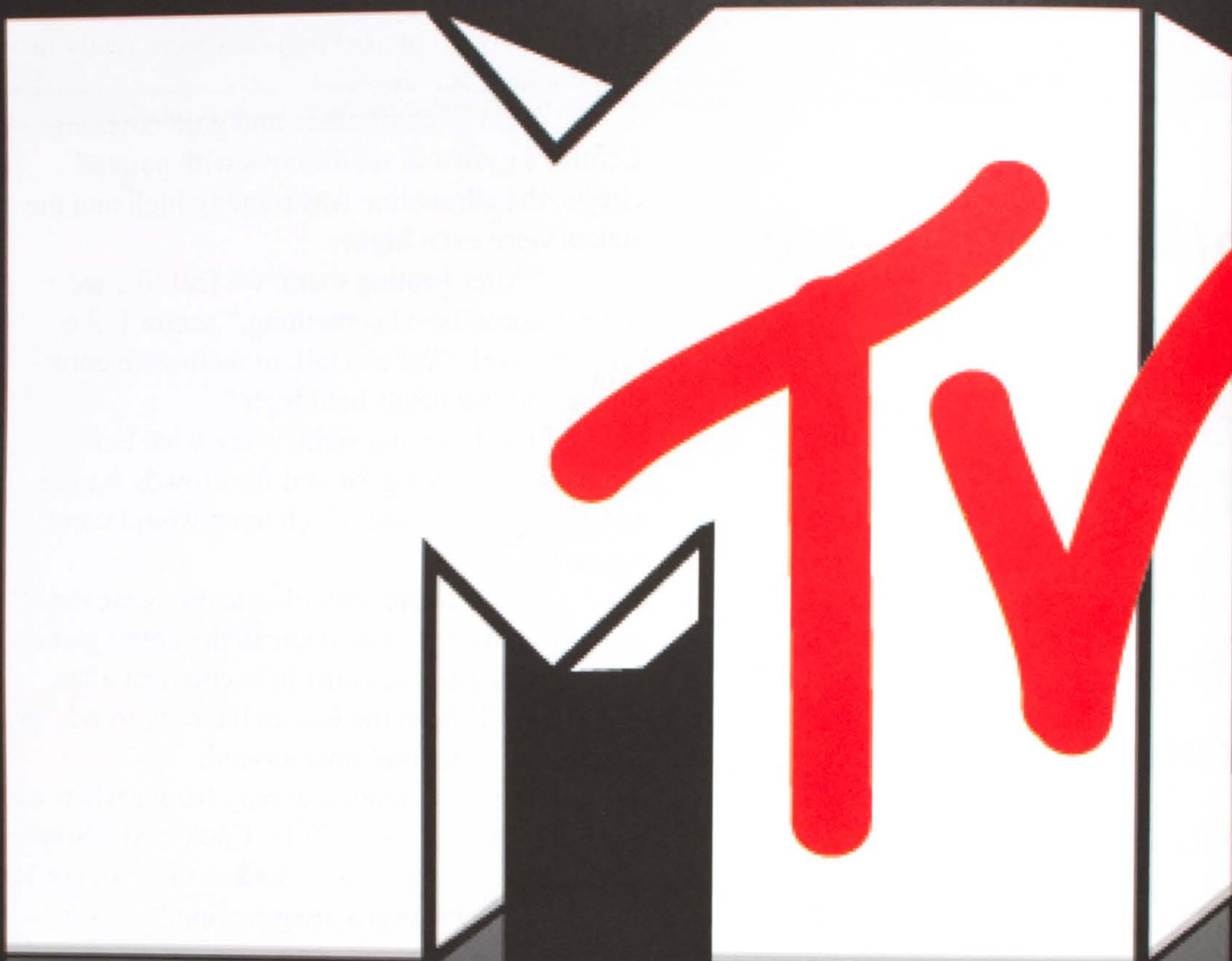
U-High, the underdog team, came out ready to play and stayed ahead the entire game. The fans rushed the court in excitement after coming back from the loss in intercity to win by 10 points the second time around.

"I always tended to play harder when we played Central," senior Tyler Cook said. "Since it's my senior year, it was the last time we got to beat them and it was a great feeling."



(From left to right) Seniors Phil Hamilton, James Lam, Brandon Hahn, Dusty Koth, Luke Graning, Joe Anhalt, Adam Standard, Jake Gendron, Ryan Doubet, and Aaron Walker cheer during the Intercity game verses Central. Photo by Kate Dessa 11-27-06.

25 YEARS OF



These photos represent some of the greatest moments in MTV history.



1981-2006

By: **Kate Dessa**

It's August 1, 1981 and 500,000 teenagers tuned in to watch "Video Killed the Radio Star" music video play across the TV screen. Little did they know that the birth of MTV would change the lives of teenagers for 25 years to come.

"It was fascinating being able to put images to the lyrics we heard on the radio," P.E. teacher and coach Lester Hampton said. "MTV was huge when I was in college; everyone watched it."

A cable channel dedicated to young people and the music they love, was created and evolved into a string of timeless events. KISS showing their faces in public for the first time, an interview with former President Bill Clinton from a teenage point of view, and \$200,000 sweet 16 birthday parties all aired on MTV over the years.

As MTV changed, so did America's youth. The change from 24/7 music videos to reality TV (The Real World), countdowns (TRL), and dating games (NEXT) has made today's youth look to MTV

for everything. From politics to fashion advice, Music Television is a major influence in teenagers' lives.

So when we look back over 25 years, how much has MTV really changed?

As many adults cherish the days of the 14 minute Thriller video, today's teens watch the evolution of reality TV take over. MTV can be credited for the birth of reality TV due to the creation of The Real World in 1992, at least eight years before the "reality television" craze took place. As the evolution has furthered, we have been able to watch Jessica Simpson's career sky rocket and rich Californian high school kids become famous due to MTV reality overload.

"I like Real World and Road Rules, but I would like MTV more if they actually played music videos like they used to," senior David Johnson said.

The videos, TV shows, and the unforgettable moments will keep teens of yesterday and today saying "I want my MTV."



alternative ENERGY

By: Haley Stuckey

Going green, that's what everybody's talking about. Organic foods, environmentally friendly products, it seems the American public is willing to do anything to save the Earth. With global warming becoming a reality and increasing oil prices, the demand for alternative energy sources has skyrocketed.

Central Illinois has become a leader in the alternative energy movement with two new wind farms beginning to produce power. This year, the Twin Groves Wind Farm set up 240 turbines on the Bloomington Moraine, and the White Oaks project located in Carlock began constructing its 100 turbine farm.

Despite the excitement about the possibility of alternative energy, the wind farm projects were met with resistance from local residents, including some U-High students.

For sophomore Ali Mueller, the wind mills are literally located in her backyard.

"I used to be completely against the wind farm because they aren't very attractive, especially right behind my house, but I guess they are better for the environment," Mueller said.

Junior Sara Idleman has no issues with the project's goals, but has a huge problem with

the farm's location by her house in Carlock.

"I think in theory it is an excellent idea. We need to come up with alternative energy sources and it's great that we found one, but people have to live with these 600 ft. towers in their backyards," Idleman said.

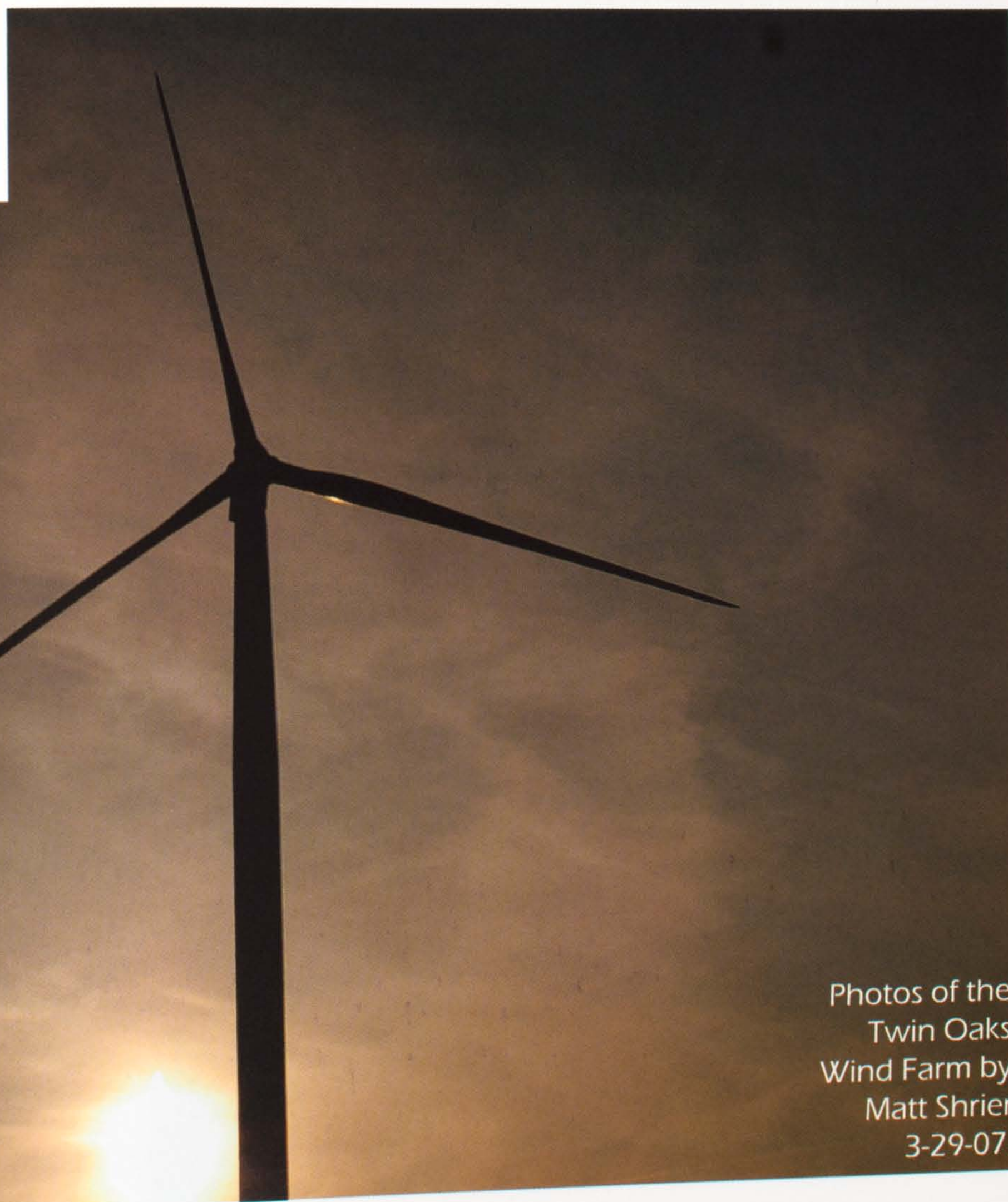
Twin Groves project manager Bill Whitlock believes that since wind energy is so new, people are more resistant. To respond to the critics, the project educated residents about the turbines and wind energy in general.

"We have tried to dispel the many myths often associated with wind farms. We did photo simulations from their homes to show them what the turbines would look like once they were constructed, and in some instances, we planted trees for them to help shield their view of the turbines," Whitlock said.

The project's attempts to pacify the critics were not sufficient. Hypocritically, the environmentally conscious public has no problems with the idea of wind energy, but when it invades their backyard it's another story.

"It just seems inconsiderate that they would put the wind mills right where people live, if they located them elsewhere I would be totally for the project," Idleman said.





Photos of the
Twin Oaks
Wind Farm by
Matt Shrier
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By: Courtney McDowell

Not all players who try out for a team are able to start in a game or even show their skills to the crowd. Most coaches don't have to deal with the stresses of shattering the confidence of a player.

Coming from a junior high school where no cuts are made, to a high school where sports are valued more than academics, can leave some students feeling too confident.

"I thought my chances were good," sophomore Chris Hoerdemann said. "I had never been cut from a team before so this was a new experience for me."

While there are a lot of different reactions after being cut from a sports team, the main feeling is a sense of disappointment.

"I felt like I had failed myself," freshman Pat Kelso said.

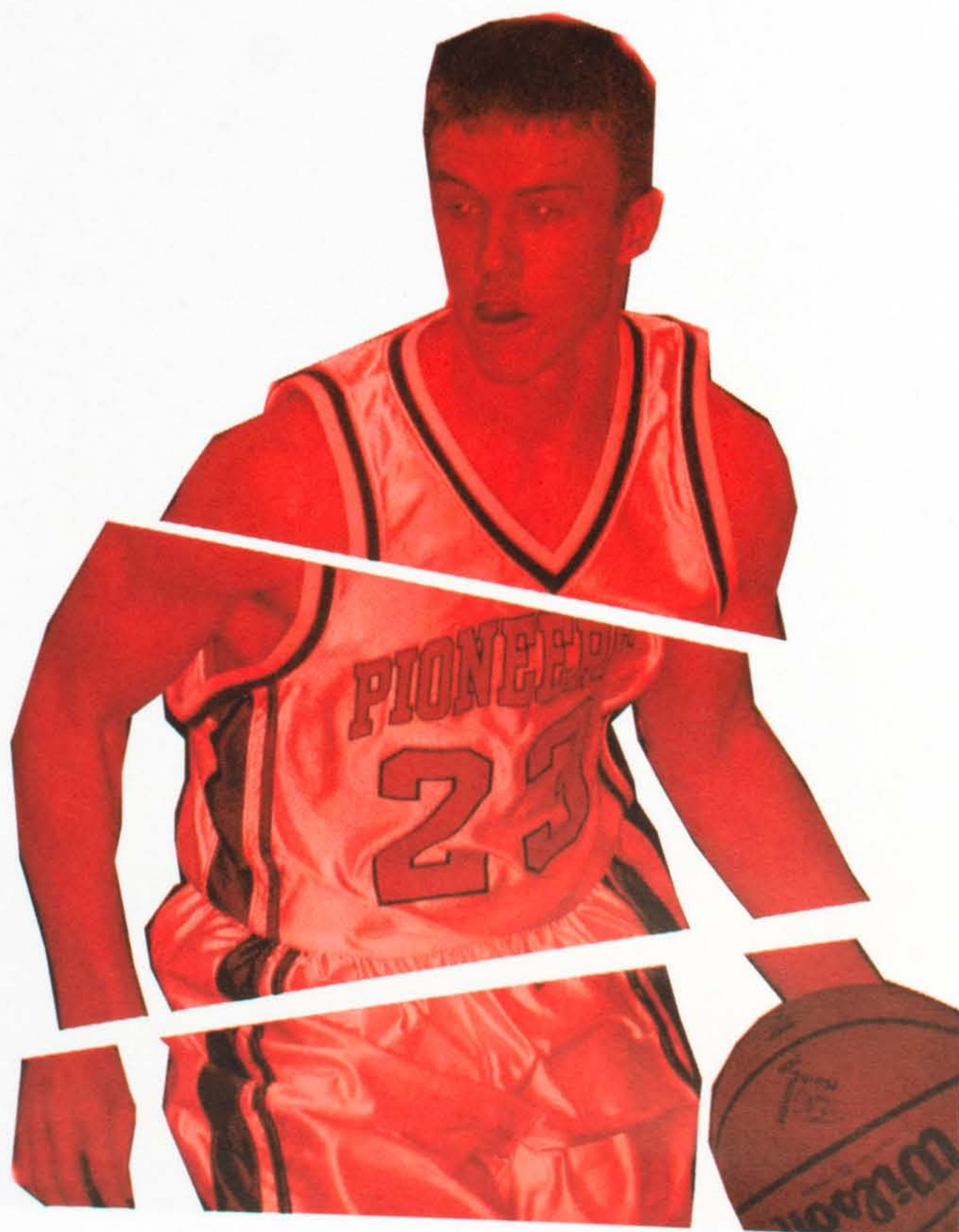
Junior varsity basketball coach Lester Hampton said he can relate to the players he has cut.

"It hurts pretty bad. I've been on the other side and it didn't make it any easier," Hampton said.

Coaches know what is best for the team and, during try-outs, they have their eye set on it.

"I look for a player who has passion for the game and has the ability to play the game," varsity basketball coach Cal Hubbard said.

After going through a tough evaluation process and making their team, most coaches feel the hardest part is over.



Making the



“You can only take how many kids can play, making cuts is my least favorite thing to do,” Hubbard said.

Whether you have to tell a kid they can't be on the team or pick one player to start over the other, being a coach is not easy.

“We have wrestle offs to see who is going to start,” wrestling coach Mike Troll said. “It's still tough when one kid beats the other.”

Keeping in mind the old saying, you're only as good as your weakest link, coaches who don't make cuts find the hardest part of coaching is keeping the second string players motivated.

“Competition makes your team better, and the better your number twos are, the better your team is,” Troll said.

Teams that don't make cuts use the time they would normally use for tryouts wisely. Starting practice and figuring out who can play what position is what most coaches spend their extra time doing.

Whether you've been cut from a sports team or you're just second string, all players are in agreement that in the off-season they will work hard to improve and move up in their position for the next year.



ground zero

By: **Matt Shrier**

Front-men senior Danny Hajek and alumni Christopher Johnson, known simply as C.J. start setting up the drums and microphones while guitarist Jared Park continuously cycles through miscellaneous riffs to get his fingers ready for the night ahead of him. Watching all of this is the noticeably nervous vocalist Molly Brown who is busy preparing more mentally than physically for the first public performance from Ground Zero.

"I've never done anything like this before," Brown said as she looked at the stage she would soon be on.

The event, which had been advertised through the popular online site Facebook, had at least 69 people attending according to responses, and that wasn't counting the people who had only heard by word of mouth.

"I haven't been able to eat all day," Brown said laughing. "I ate breakfast and that was it."

Through the back-door, keyboardist Justin Tanaka rushed in, completing the band for the night.

After all the instruments were set up, the band left the stage and went into a back hallway to wait until the 9:30 sound check. More and more people piled in, and the energy filled the room so much that by the time sound check rolled around even C.J. was biting his finger looking over the crowd.

"I've done this before, so I'm nervous, but confident," Hajek said after checking the stage one last time, "It's going to be a good show."

The show started out with the tight tune "Danger Zone," a vicious display of Brown and CJ's intertwined vocals, and immediately captured the audience.

What followed was a full exploration of Ground Zero's unique style.

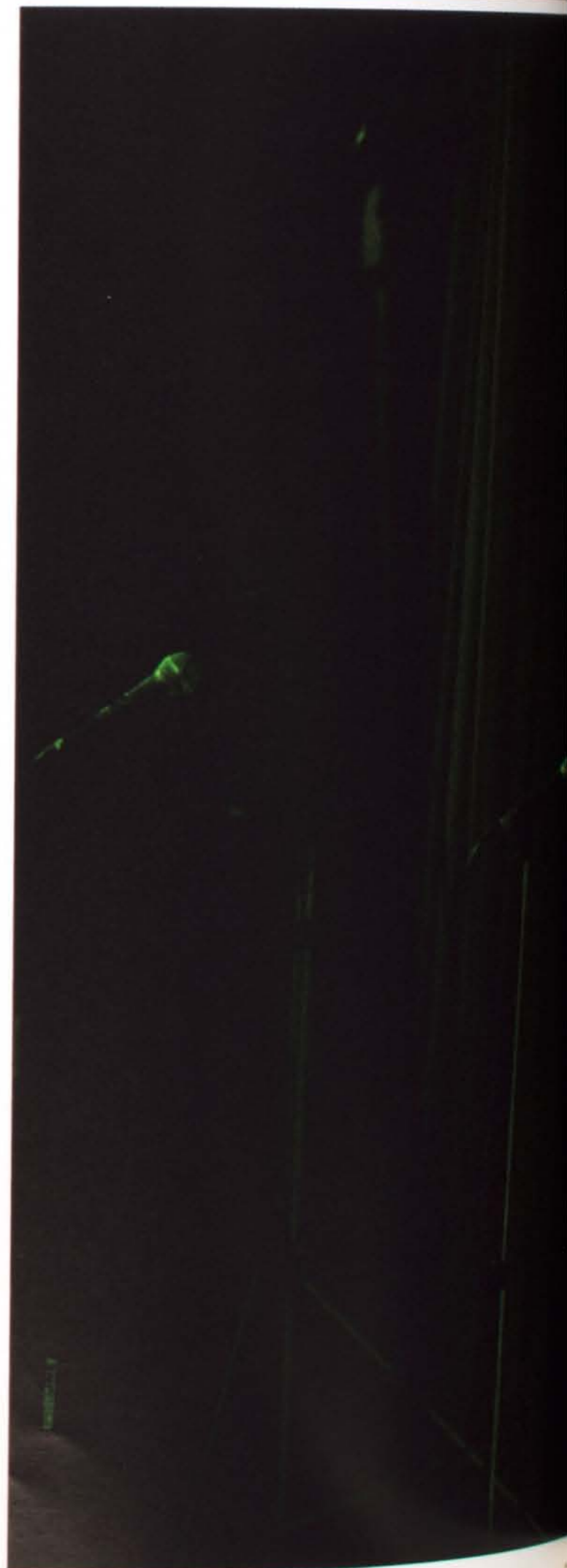
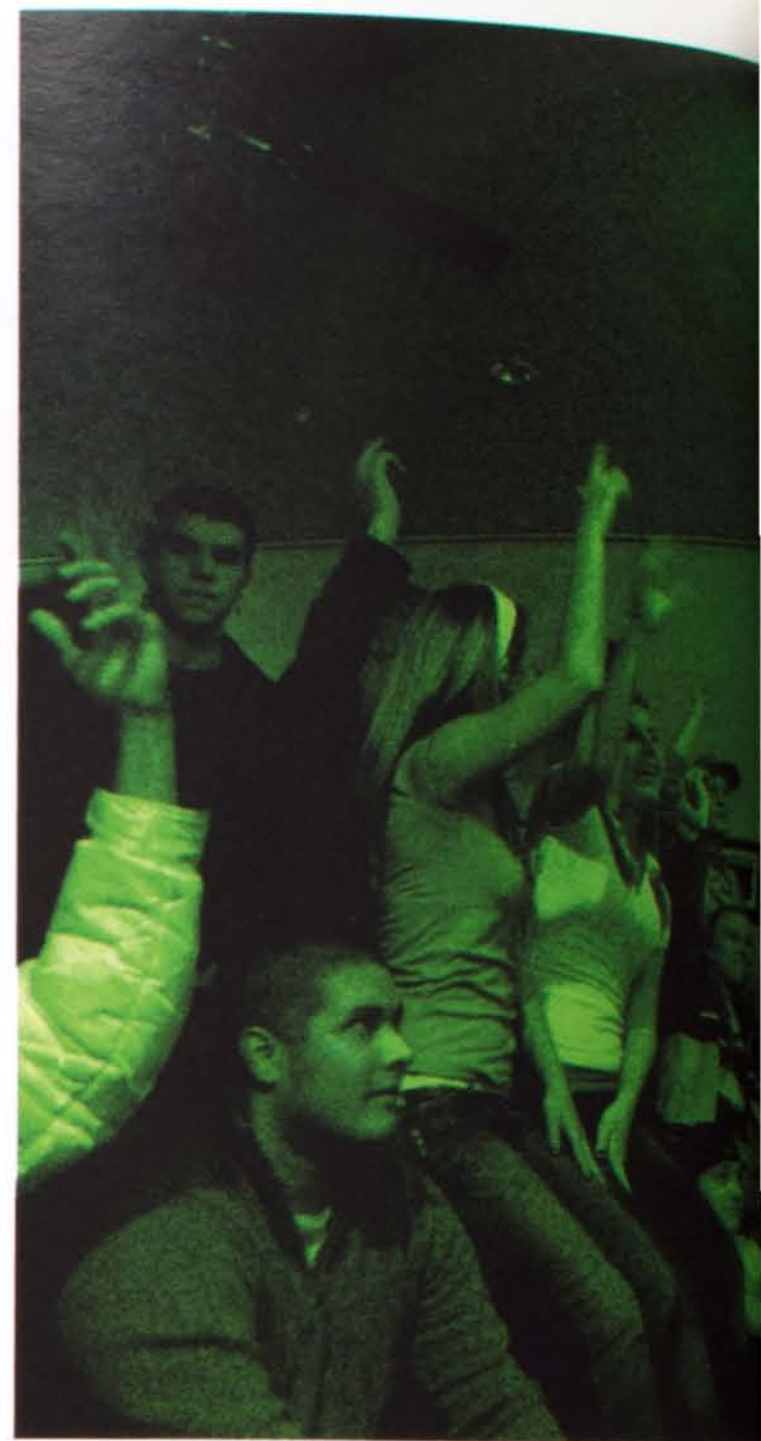
"We all bring something different to the band," Hajek said, "Jared brings classic and modern rock, and Eddy brings with him a lot of jazz."

All of these styles seemed to mix seamlessly in the one hour set, which was a constant stream of music, combining four original songs with seven covers ranging from "Space Jam" to the groups interesting rendition of "Mad World."

The night was an overall success, and with a turnout being close to 200, it was apparent that Ground Zero was a musical force to be reckoned with.

The true test for any band, however, is not only their ability to put on a live show but to get themselves documented with a professional record. This is a feat that did not intimidate the ensemble, who recorded in Danny's basement and turned out 19 producible tracks.

The CD, titled Evacuation Plan, was released May 1 to an excited audience selling over 250 copies, and making back the money it cost in just four days.





Vocalist, CJ Johnson freestyles during Ground Zer0's first show at the Coffeehouse in Downtown Normal.

Front-men Johnson and senior Danny Hajek rap for the crowd at the Coffeehouse.

Senior Molly Brown sings while senior Justin Tanaka plays the keyboard in their first show.

Hajek raps during their CD Release Concert in Stroud Auditorium. All Photos by Matt Shrier 1-13-07 and 5-4-07.



UNBEARABLE LOSSES

By: Aaron Burnett

Neither pouring rain in 50 degree temperatures or even 1300 miles could keep senior Gordon Vayo away from the Super Bowl. Not even the fact that every expert under the sun had predicted the Colts mauling the Bears could keep him away.

Instead, Vayo got to see the Chicago Bears put up a fight, but in the end as the expert's guessed it, came up short to the Indianapolis Colts 29-17 on the biggest stage in sports.

"I've always wanted to see a Super Bowl live, and with the Bears in it, there's no way I was going to miss this one," Vayo said.

The game started with a 92 yard kickoff return for a touchdown by the sensational Bear, rookie Devin Hester. However, the game was not the masterpiece that experts had predicted, with six turnovers coming in the first half, three for each team.

"It wasn't a great game in the first half because of the turnovers, but the second half was a lot better played," Vayo said. "I just wish Grossman wasn't so bad."

Bears quarterback Rex Grossman finished the game with two interceptions, both coming in the second half, and one being run back for a touchdown. Chicago had rode on the "defense wins championships" slogan

to a 15-4 record before the offensively minded Colts spoiled the Bears Super Bowl dreams.

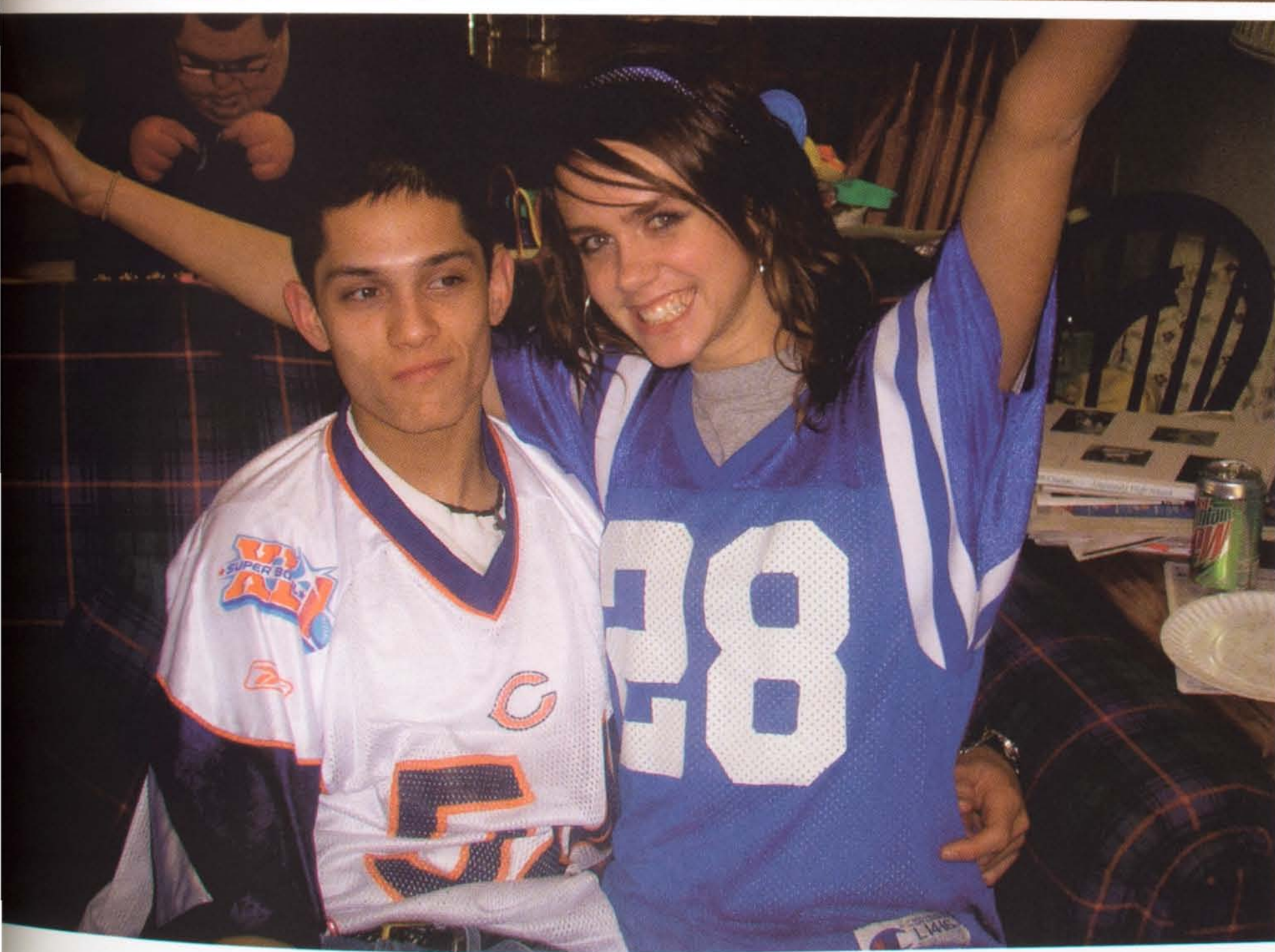
Meanwhile on the other side, Colts quarterback Peyton Manning solidified his place with the top quarterbacks to ever play by putting an end to the criticisms of his inability to win the big game. Manning, who was also named as the game's MVP, ran an effective offense featuring short passes and a strong running game.

"The Bears have the best defense in the league and Manning just took it to them. It hurt to watch," senior Joe Anhalt said.

Although not at the game, Anhalt and fellow senior Nick Endress showed their love for the Bears with blue and orange body paint, t-shirts, and a blow up Chicago player that made Brian Urlacher look like a second grader.

"This was the first time the Bears had been to the Super Bowl since I was born. Even though they lost, it was the most excited I've ever been," Anhalt said.

Super Bowl XLI marked the first championship appearance for Chicago since 1985 and the first title for the Colts in 36 years. No matter what side you were on, Bears and Colts fans alike can agree that the excitement was endless for the biggest Sunday in sports.



Seniors Joe Anhalt and Nick Endress set up the inflatable bears player to celebrate the Bear's appearance in Super Bowl XLI. Senior Paige Durchholz celebrates the Colt's win over the Bears while Senior James Lam looks on in disappointment. Photos by Kate Dessa 2-2-07 and 2-4-07.



By: Courtney McDowell

"Style is when you realize, 'This is what I'm supposed to look like,'" junior Bailey McDowell said.

Trends and Styles of 2007 are retro, causing students to rummage through parents old clothes looking for the newest fads. Inspired by the 80's, trends of the year take a look to the past and make new fashions.

"A lot of my style is influenced by the 70's and 80's," junior Liz Massey said. "I think some trends might stay around for awhile."

Not only do students look to the 80's for tips, magazines have an impact on them as well. Celebrities like Rachel McAdams, play a roll in the daily wear of students.

"I think Rachel McAdams has a cute style," sophomore Paige Knippenberg said. "She wears clothes that any girl can wear and stays up to date."

With top designer Marc Jacobs coming out with some of the years hottest trends, its not surprising to see girls wearing skinny jeans, platform shoes, wide belts, or leggings.

"I look to designers like Marc Jacobs and Channel to get my style," senior Laura Bowman said.

Showing some skin is out and covering up with layers of tops is in. Putting on shirt after shirt is not only a way to stay warm but to keep in style too.

"Layers make every outfit cute," Massey said.

Putting aside all the magazines, designers, and celebrities, students like Knippenberg feel the people you hang out with have the biggest impact on your style.

"My friends have the biggest influence on my style," Knippenberg said. "I don't want to be set apart from them, so I dress the same as them."

Not wanting to stand out and look different from everyone else, a lot of students look for practical outfits.

Wearing high fashion to school may not be what most students are looking for this year.

"What you wear can have an affect on what people think of you," Bowman said.

Students wearing what they want to wear, whether it being the lastest fashions or not, feel that their style is what makes them who they are.

"I have the biggest impact on my style," Bowman said. "I wear what makes me happy and feel good."



Senior Phil Hamilton wears a polo, one of the hottest trends for guys.



Senior Laura Bowman wears vintage t-shirts.



Layers create junior Bailey McDowell's look.



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Bowman wears 80's inspired skinny jeans.

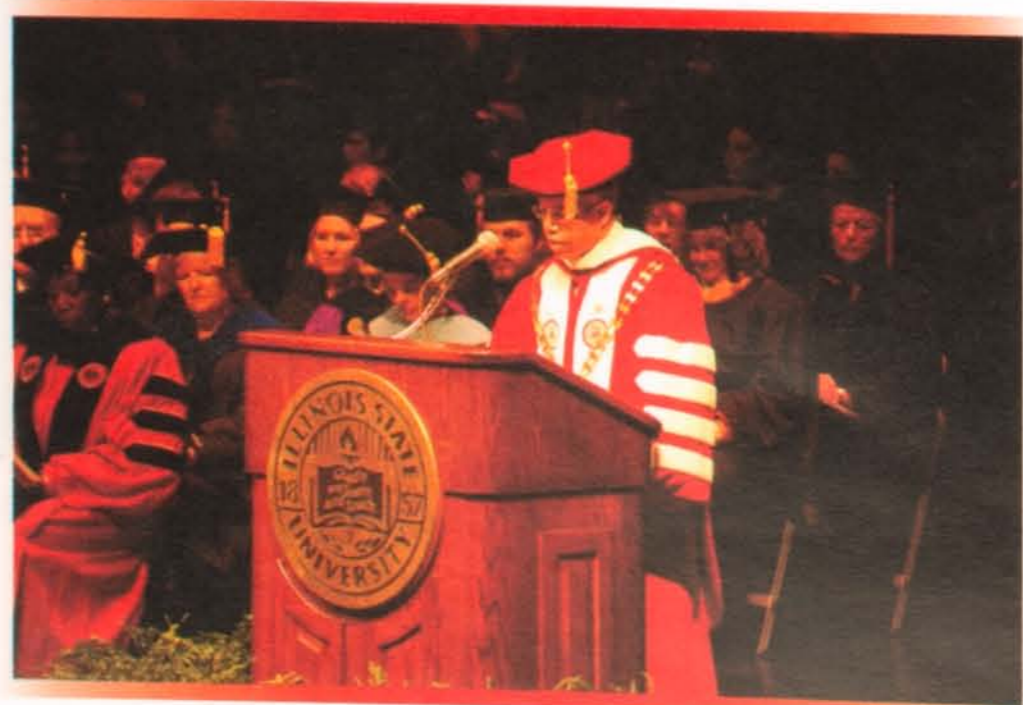
Flats are comfortable and one of the latest fashions.



ILLINOIS STATE

150 years of

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL



By: Michelle Eack

A small bell sat on a simple-looking table on the stage of Brown Ballroom in the Bone Student Center. Red and white banners adorned every wall, a striking contrast to the usual Founders' Day ceremony held on the quad each year to celebrate the founding of the university with the ringing of the Old Main Bell.

The festivities were moved inside due to a snowstorm and single-digit temperatures. However, this year's celebration was special for another reason.

"It is not only a celebration for the university, but for the lab schools as well. The beginning of the university and the beginning of the lab schools are one in the same," Superintendent of Lab Schools Dr. Robert Dean said.

ISU professors, administrators, and special guests filtered into the ballroom Thursday, February 15, for the Founder's Day ceremony.

Soon, over 400 Metcalf students paraded around the outskirts of the ballroom clad in matching red hats and gloves, that they had planned to wear outside, and ringing small toy bells.

"We have been preparing all year for this celebration. We have been talking about it in class to make sure the kids understand how long 150 years actually is," Metcalf Music Director Donna Zawatski said.

President Al Bowman spoke briefly emphasizing the significance of this event in the history of ISU.

"This celebration is to pay tribute to the founders of our enterprise and the authors of our excellence," President Bowman said.

After several speeches from ISU administrators, Steve Adams, the "Voice of the Redbirds" for the past 30 years, took the podium.

"Today begins our celebration of the 150th birthday of the university. Happy Sesquicentennial Illinois State University!" Adams said amidst enthusiastic applause.

Adams announced each of the 150 special honorees as they crossed the stage to the bell, donated by the McLean County Historical Society to act as the "stand-in" for this year's ceremony. The bell was rung 150 times, once for every year ISU and the lab schools have been in existence.

President Bowman was the first to ring the bell. U-High senior Laura Bowman, daughter of President Bowman had the honor of ringing the second toll accompanied by her mother Linda and

sister Natalie.

"It was an honor to share that special moment with my family," Laura said.

The Bowmans were followed by other honorees that each had a special connection to ISU or represented an organization or group that had some impact on the university.

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DR. ROBERT DEAN



U-High teacher and coach, Cal Hubbard, had the honor of ringing the bell in the ceremony. The experience was one that he would never forget.

"I think it has even more special significance for me because my father was here to watch," Hubbard said.

Both Hubbard and his wife Vivian went through the entire lab school system. The couple both attended Metcalf, U-High, and ISU. They also both ended up teaching at ISU or the lab schools as well, he said.

Hubbard felt a wave of memories wash over him as he waited patiently for his opportunity to ring the bell.

"Before I went on stage I was reminiscing about all of the great experiences I have had here," Hubbard said. "It is neat to see the history of ISU and the lab schools honored like this."

Senior Claire Taulbee was all smiles as she walked confidently across the stage to represent U-High students.

The honorees were chosen through a special sesquicentennial committee, Taulbee said. Guests included State Representative Brady, Senator Brady, retired professors, ISU students from numerous campus organizations, as well as Reggie Redbird, the school mascot.

Founder's Day acted as the kick-off to a year-long celebration at ISU, including numerous key-note speakers and special festivities.

"It's astounding for a high school to have been around 150 years. I feel honored to be a part of something with such a great tradition as U-High and Metcalf," Dean said.

CHANGING TRADITIONS

Students find alternatives to the bonfire by participating in the pep rally.

By: Michelle Eack

Although the traditional bonfire was scratched off the list of activities for this year's Homecoming Spirit Week, students still had a blast. From the ice cream eating contest, to the elegant "diamonds" decorating the lounge for the dance, there was a little something for everyone.

Because the administration didn't consider the bonfire a success in the past, they chose to eliminate it from the many opportunities for students to show their U-High pride.

"We were never able to get people involved in the true bonfire atmosphere and activities," Athletic Director Curt Christenson said. He felt that a successful bonfire would have been an event in which students were excited and full of school spirit and felt that U-High never really achieved that.

"The bonfire was a good memory, but I'm not entirely disappointed it's gone," Senior Jessica Busse said.

The powder puff game took the place of the bonfire as a school-sponsored event. Senior Desiree Carroll attended the powder puff game as a spectator. She found the game exciting and enjoyed cheering on her classmates.

Junior Sean Hastings joined

other football players from his class as a coach for their girls' powder puff team.

"I thought the powder puff game was really fun. It was a nice sized crowd, and it was cool that we could play on the actual ISU football

turf this year," Hastings said.

Hastings also took part in many other aspects of the homecoming festivities. He dressed up for spirit days, went to the football game, and was an escort for a homecoming court member. He said these will be

things that he will never forget.

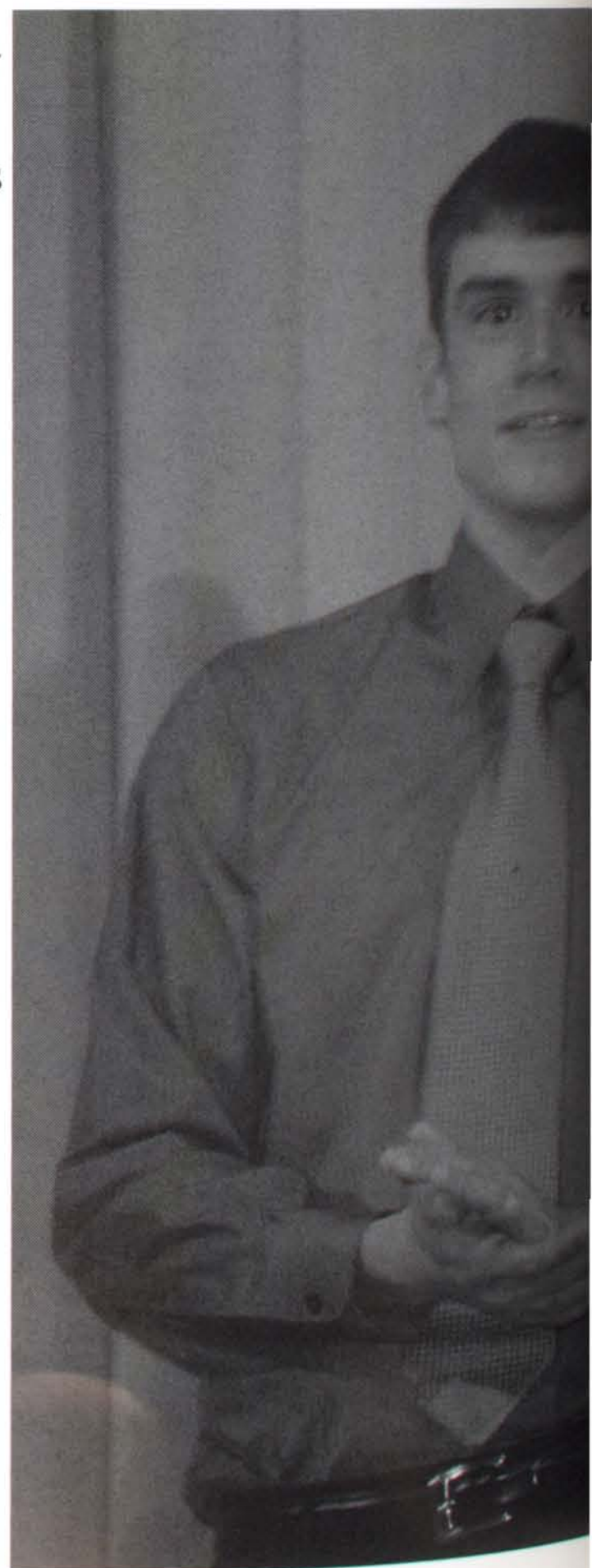
"Being an escort was a neat experience. The car ride in front of the stands was pretty fun," Hastings said.

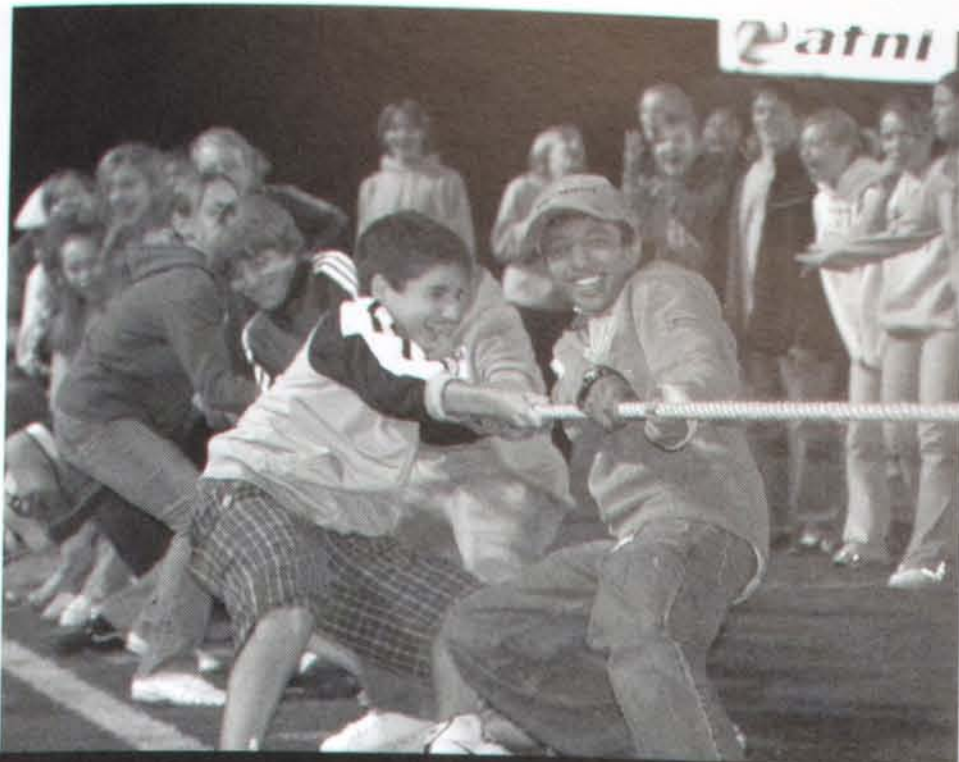
Carroll used her last Homecoming as an opportunity to share laughs with her friends and dance the night away.

"My favorite part about homecoming was definitely the hype before the dance. I loved seeing people dress up for spirit week. I also enjoyed having people from our class represented in homecoming court," Carroll said.

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CURT CHRISTENSON





Freshman Mackay Miner and Karthick Patil use all their might, but still lose against the juniors during the pep rally. Photo by Aaron Walker 9-20-06. Juniors rejoice after winning the powder puff game. Photo by Aaron Walker 9-20-06.



Sophomore Vince Kroll walks down the hall dressed in a toga on retro day. Photo by Jake Gendron 9-20-06. Senior Chuck Junis stuffs his mouth to win the ice cream eating contest. Photo by Aaron Walker 9-20-06.



Seniors Catherine Butts and Joe Anhalt clap during the coronation of the homecoming king and queen. Photo Rachel Solava 9-23-06.

Senior boys relax and play games over their free periods.

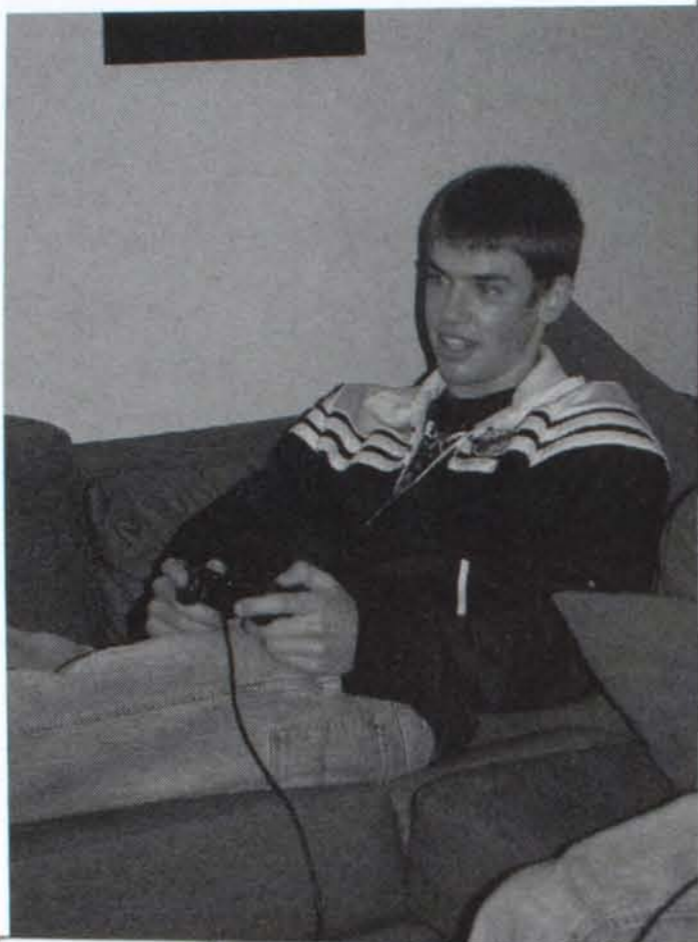
Junior Lauren Brooks talks to her friends over lunch.

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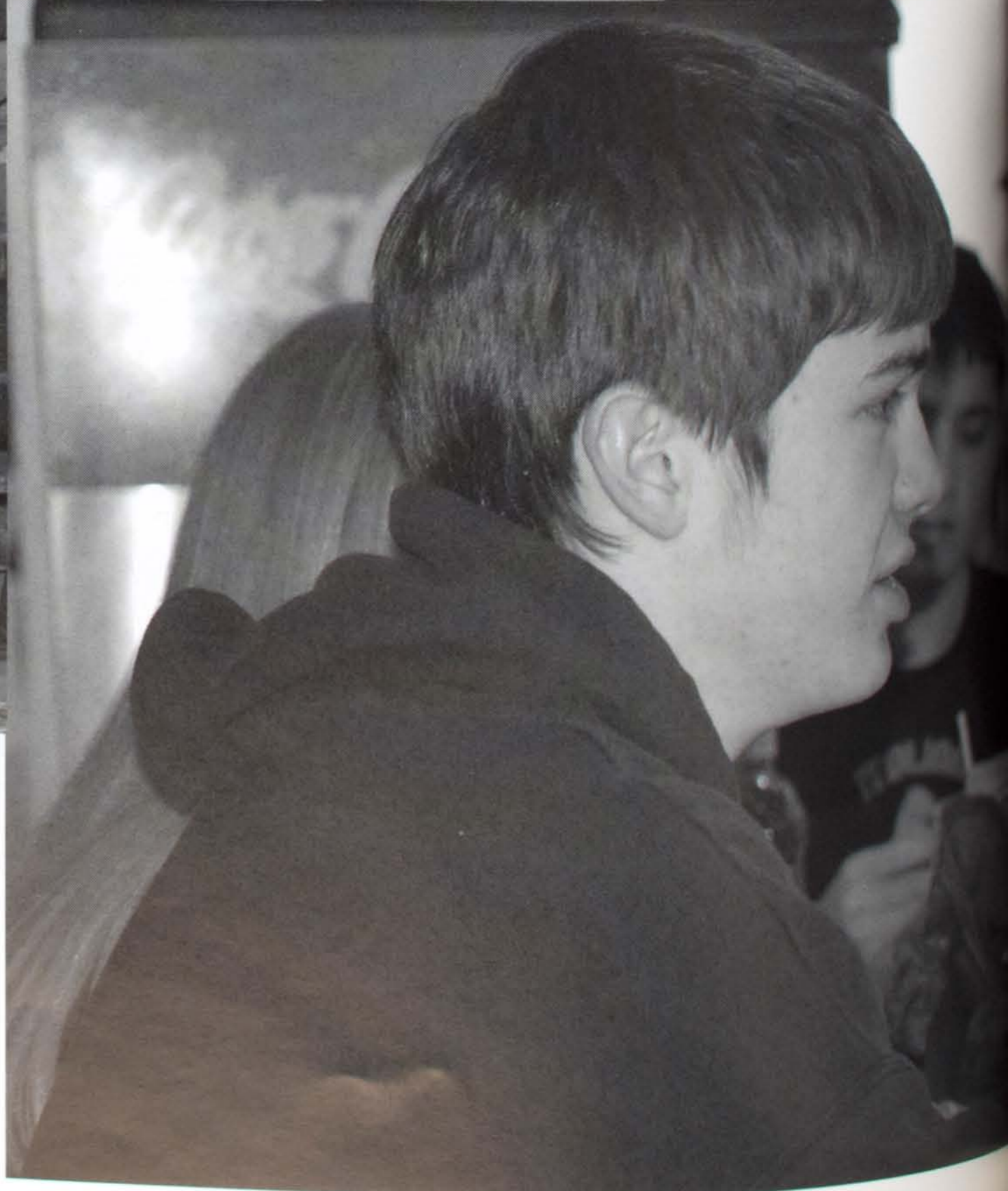


Senior Jeff Higgins plays video games over his two free hours.

Senior Cole Griswold buys his lunch from the school store.



Junior Michael Quarton eats lunch at Jimmy Johns.



LUNCH BREAK

Students enjoy the luxury of free hours.

By: Courtney McDowell

U-high's policies have always been similar to those of a university, one being its open campus.

"I like having open campus and being able to go out lunch with my friends," freshman Liz Clapper said.

Getting to leave school when you don't have a class opens a lot of options for students. From going out to lunch to going over to a friends house and hanging out, students find ways to enjoy the hours they have off school.

"I had two hours free with some of my other friends," senior Joe Anhalt said. "We just tried to kick back and relax."

Some students didn't have as much time as others and were forced to eat lunch in a hurry.

"I liked to eat at fast food restaurants so I could also finish up some homework from the night before," senior Jeff Higgins said.

"Having a half hour free during freshmen block and another hour free

at 1 p.m. helps a lot," freshmen Andy Olson said. "I ate during freshmen block and did my homework at 1 p.m."

Eating lunch and doing homework weren't the only thing students did. Being stuck in a classroom all morning, they were ready to get out

and enjoy some of the day before returning to class.

"When it was nice out my friends and I went swimming in my pool," Anhalt said. "Once the winter came we liked to play different playstation

games like Madden and FIFA '06."

Not all students decided to leave campus. Some just liked to stay at school and relax in the lounge with fellow classmates.

"I didn't feel like I had enough time to leave and go get food," freshmen Emily Zimmerman said. "Staying at school was a good way to meet other people in my class."

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SENIOR JOE ANHALT



TOSS IT UP

Students organize an offhand bags tournament on a Sunday afternoon.

By: Michelle Eack

Seniors John Mersch, James Lam, and Mike Rotsch folded screechy lunch tables and hauled them to the side of the Lounge.

Nothing could keep students away from an impromptu bags tournament several seniors set-up and organized for friends on a Sunday afternoon.

Eleven teams competed in the bracketed tournament.

Seniors Jake Nord and Kyle Leduc created the bracket during AP Calculus class. By the next class, they began spreading the word and called for teams to sign-up for the tournament. He and Leduc then ranked teams and placed them into brackets, Nord said.

"I tried to match people up by skill level," Nord said. "I also tried to set-up matches with people between pairs who might not know each other very well so they would have the opportunity to meet new people."

"The original plan was to have a \$1 buy-in so the winner would take home some cash, but in the end they played only for fun and pride," Nord said.

The students, mostly seniors, planned to hold the tournament outside on the U-High tennis courts, but the unusually windy day forced them to move to the lounge, and eventually the small gym.

The popular bean bag toss game is a hit with high school and college kids. Two wooden boxes with a

sloped face and hole are placed 20-30 feet apart. Partners stand on opposite sides and take turns tossing four bean bags in an attempt to land the bag in the a hole (for three points) or at least on the face of the board (for one point).

**"ANDY AND I
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**SENIOR
CONNOR
GALLOWAY**

"My partner didn't come, so I had to scramble to find a new one," Mersch said.

As the games commenced, scores were tallied and new match-ups were put together as teams fought to get to the championship round. Senior Connor Galloway and junior Andy McNeely came out on top nearly three hours later.

"Andy and I make magic," Galloway boasted after the championship game.

Some were disappointed with their team's performance, but the students enjoyed the afternoon hanging out with friends.

"I wasn't at the top of my game today," senior Jack Quarton said. "But I definitely had fun hanging out with my classmates."

Senior Aaron Walker said he hopes that the group will hold another tournament again later in the year when it is warm outside.

"Next time we will play for money," Walker said confidently.

Mersch said he enjoys bags because it is a fun game that everyone can play, regardless of athletic ability.

With 18 teams originally scheduled, many had to find new partners when theirs didn't show.

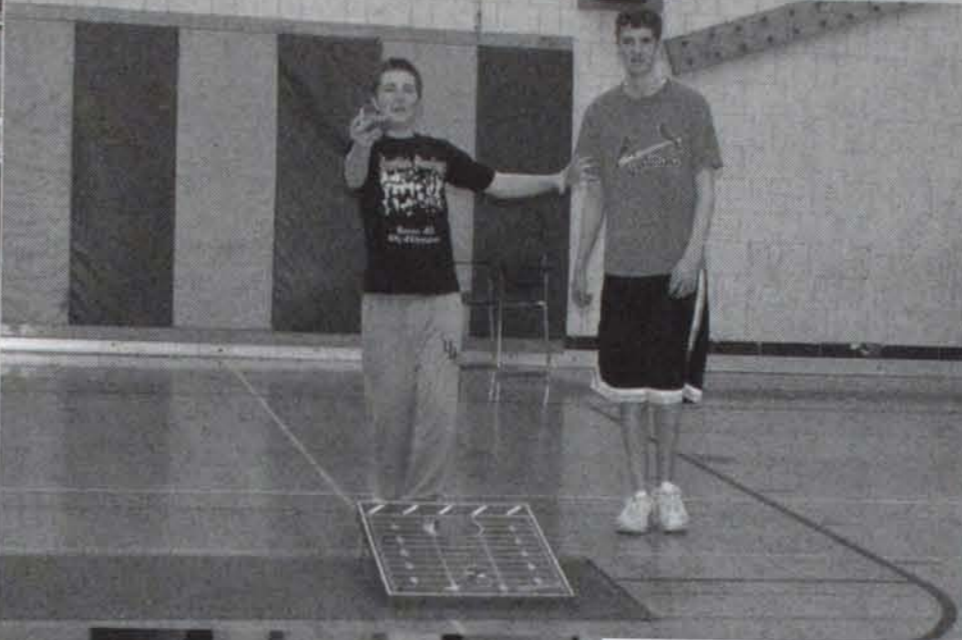
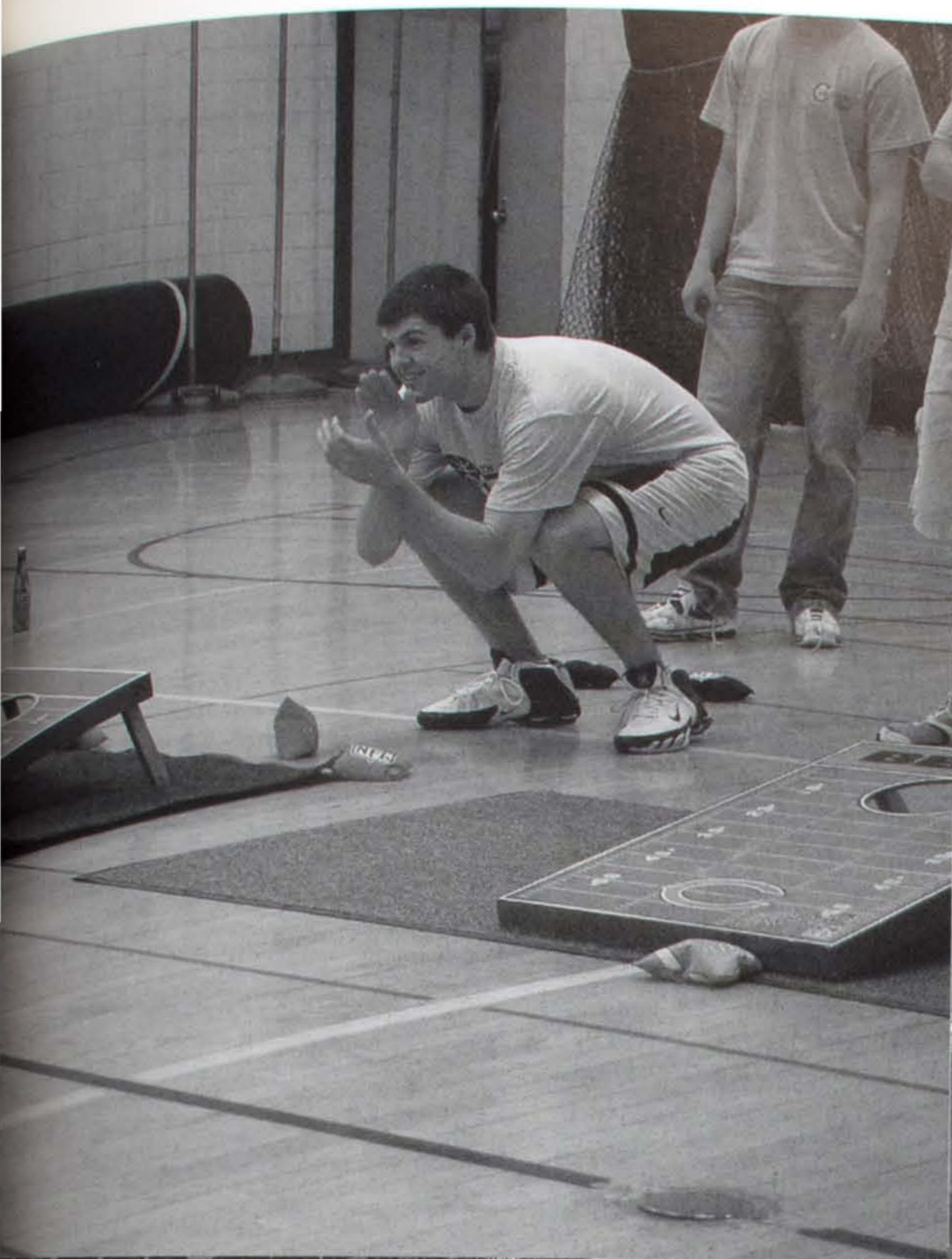


Senior Aaron Schroeder cheers on his teammate.

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Kate Dessa
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Senior Paige Durchholz tosses her bag during the first round of the tournament.

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Senior James Lam throws his bag at the start of the impromptu bags tournament. Photo by Jake Gendron 4-1-07.



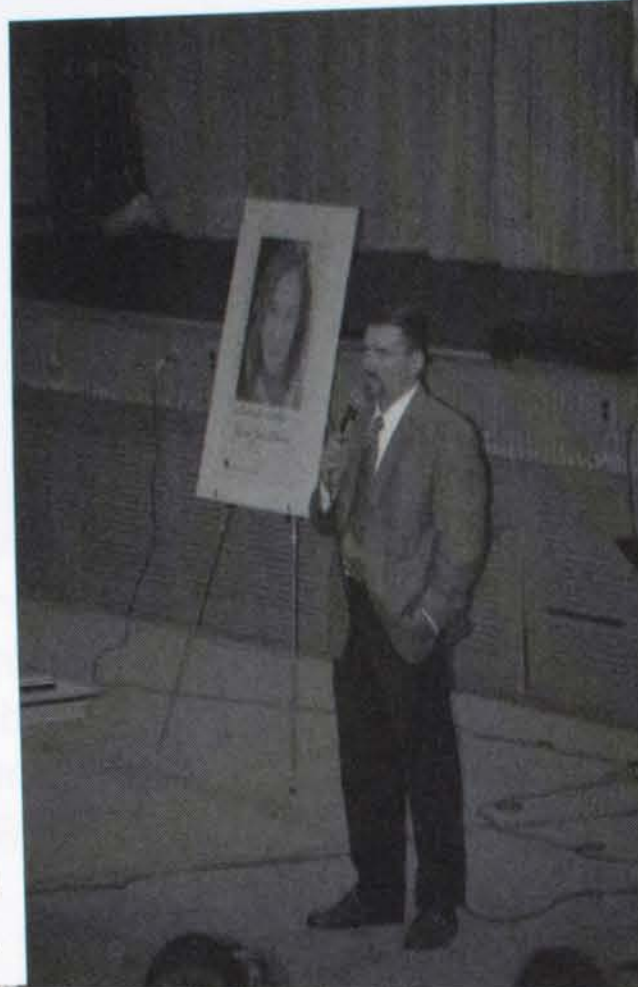
Junior Kevin Rotsch warms up before starting a match. Photo by Aaron Walker 4-1-07.

Senior Mike Rotsch tosses a bag to win the game for his team. Photo by Kate Dessa 4-1-07.

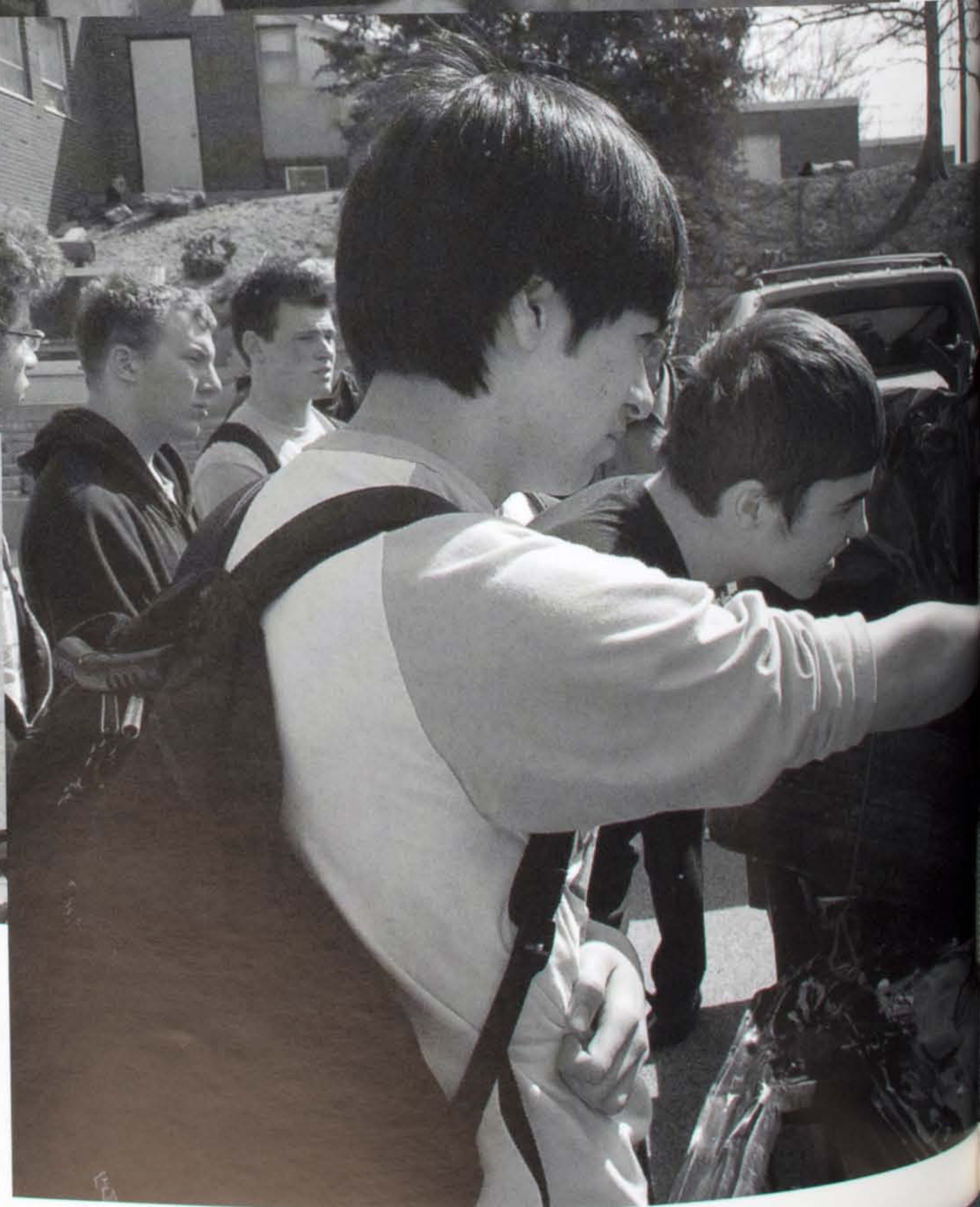


Schroeder and senior partner Michelle Eack congratulate each other as junior Joe Waropay shows his sportsmanship. Photo by Kate Dessa 4-1-07.

Ashley's parents and best friend talk about their experience. Junior girls get teary eyed after listening to Ashley's story. All photos by Jake Gendron 4-17-07.



Assistant principal Steve Wilder thanks students for their attentiveness. Cathy Waddell hugs sophomore Amanda Blair.



Seniors Justin Tanaka and Jay Scharf look at the car in disbelief.

CRASHING INTO REALITY

An all school assembly was held for students to learn the importance of safe driving.

By: Bridget McGuire

In Tazewell County alone, 15 teens have died in the past 15 months. One of these teens was Pekin High School Sophomore Ashley Waddell, a sophomore from Pekin High School. On September 28, 2005, Waddell was a passenger in Andrew Ford's 2001 Oldsmobile Alero that reached speeds of 96 mph before colliding with two trees.

"The police report said that the car was traveling 96 mph when it hit the first tree and was going 70-75 mph when it collided with the second," father Randy Waddell said.

Randy and his wife Cathy are trying to make teens aware of the dangers of driving recklessly by touring all over the state of Illinois, telling their story and showing students the car that Ashley and her friends traveled in.

"We want to get the point across that some choices can't be made twice," Randy said. "As long as we affect at least one person by telling our story, then our goal has been accomplished."

The Waddell's started out the assembly by telling where they were and what they were doing when they

got the news of their daughter's death. They then showed a slideshow of years leading up to Ashley's death and then pictures of her friends mourning.

"We wanted to show students the slideshow and have them get to know her before we showed the car," Cathy said. "We think that seeing the

car has a bigger impact if you feel like you know her."

After the assembly students made their way outside to see the mangled remains of what was once an Oldsmobile Alero. You could hear a pin drop as students observed the car and were overcome with sadness.

"The assembly itself was sad enough, but when I saw the car I completely lost it," senior Ashley Brondell said, "From now

on when I'm driving, I'm going to slow down."

The assembly which was put on by the Parent Support Network was scheduled before Prom for a reason. They wanted students to be aware of the dangers of driving recklessly and how many people it affects.

"We thought it was a good idea to show before prom so that kids would stay aware when they are out late driving," head of Parent Support Network Donna Anhalt said.

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RANDY WADDELL



BOY'S NIGHT OUT

Boys get ready for prom by washing cars, buying flowers, and going to the bank.

By: Jake Gendron

When prom season approaches girls and boys alike are doing all they can to get ready for the big event.

But there are differences between the genders, and they are more prominent during the prom season than any other time of the year. Males spend the majority of their time not on themselves but on ways to impress and please their dates.

Junior Cory Olsen spent over two hours the Friday night before prom detailing every nook and cranny of his truck for prom.

"I spent most of my time washing and cleaning the truck because that was the first thing my date saw when I picked her up," Olsen said.

The vehicle was not the only part of prom males had to worry about. They have to pick out the right flowers, which they commonly know nothing about.

Senior Justin Tanaka used the help of his sister to ensure the flowers were aesthetically pleasing to his date.

"My sister picked out the

flowers for the corsage because I don't know anything about that stuff," Tanaka said.

Right after Tanaka spent 30 dollars on the corsage, he went to get money for the rest of the prom experience.

"The most painful part of prom is seeing my balance after I take the money out of the bank for dinner and pictures," Tanaka said.

After all the time and energy on ensuring the best for their dates, guys usually spend only a fraction of that time on themselves.

Junior Kevin Rotsch spent 30 minutes getting ready before picking up his date.

"The only things I had to do was take a shower and get dressed. I don't do my hair because it is already so short," Rotsch said.

In the end both males and females do their best to impress their dates, but in many instances it's the boys that pay the price for a worthwhile night.

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SENIOR JUSTIN TANAKA

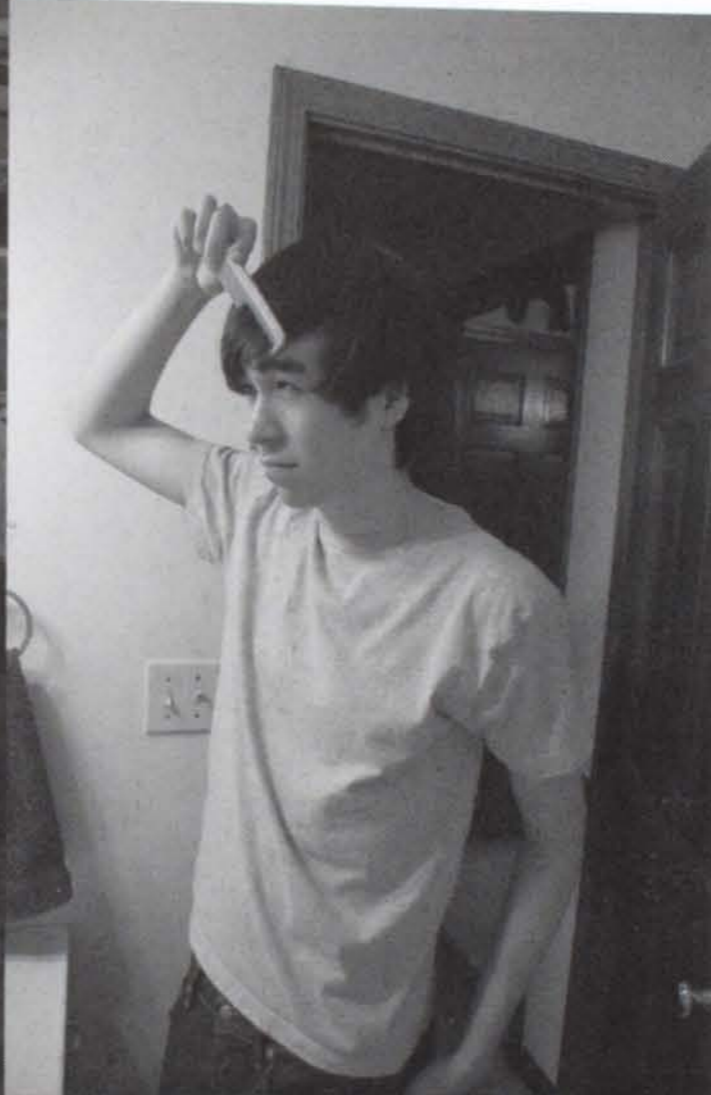




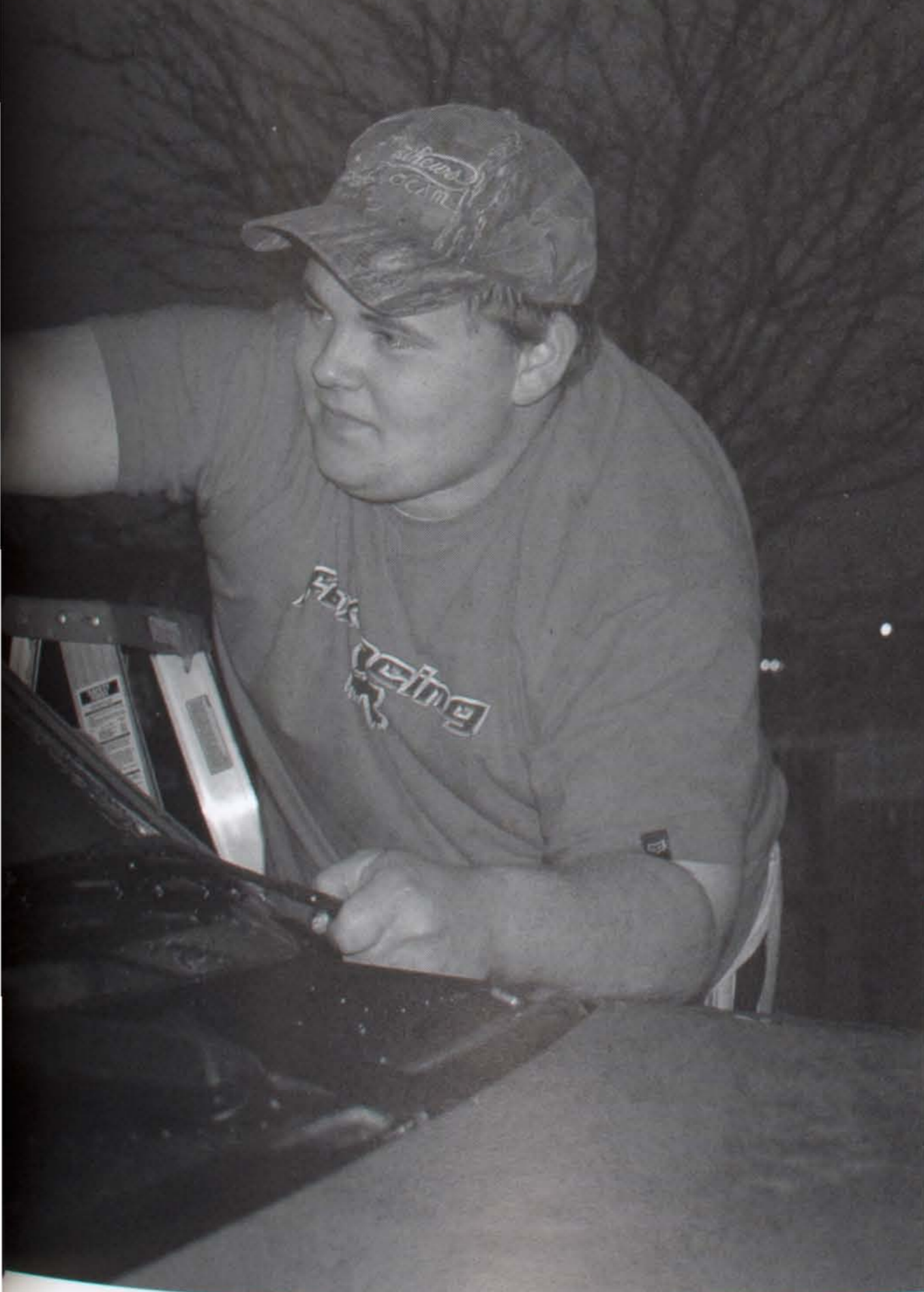
Seniors Molly Brown and Danny Hajek smile after being crowned prom king and queen. Photo by Matt Shrier 4-28-07.



Junior Kevin Rotsch adds the finishing touches to his tux by putting on his cuff links. Photo by Jake Gendron 4-28-07.



Senior court member Justin Tanaka combs his hair before putting on his tux. Photo by Jake Gendron 4-28-07. Sophomore Ryan Woodall and Senior court member Stephanie Sidak dance at prom. Photo by Rachel Solava 4-28-07.



Junior Cory Olsen washes his truck before prom. Photo by Jake Gendron 4-27-07.

Seniors Shikira Chavers and Preston Smith pull their way to the end. Photo by Aaron Walker 4-29-07. Senior Megan Sallee and friends watch magic trick. Photo by Alyssa Humphreys 4-29-07.



Junior Rustin Fakheri climbs to the top of the rock wall. Photo by Aaron Walker 4-29-07.



Seniors Kelsey Kraft and Claire Smid race to the finish line on the tricycles. Photo by Aaron Walker 4-29-07.



Girls play poker to win more tickets for the prizes. Photo by Alyssa Humphreys 4-29-07.



Young Inspiration

Wen Yang as well as other underclassmen lead the way for the cross country team.

By : Alyssa Humphreys

Not the pressure of inexperience or the intimidation of the opponent, not even the seriousness of the race scares sophomore Wen Yang.

Being the number one runner on the team, she knew a lot of weight rested on her shoulders, but she didn't let the pressure get to her.

"I just like to run to calm down," Yang said. "It doesn't feel any different being the first runner; it just feels like I'm any other girl on the team."

Along with Yang, there were three other underclassmen running on the varsity level. This inexperience didn't seem to worry anyone.

"The only disadvantage to having such a young team is the inexperience, they had to learn everything as they went," cross country coach Lester Hampton said. "We have a bright future to look forward to though."

Here at U-High, being on the cross country team is about as close as you can get to being a family. Being on the team really sets up a friendly environment according to Yang, an environment that took some work. Sophomore Anna De Graaf agreed.

"The girls have really good

unity this year, as well as leadership," Kyle Erickson said.

The boys team looked to some of the girls to see how well they communicated and worked together.

"Being such a young team, we do a lot of team bonding. The first week of practice, coach Hampton made sure everyone knew everyone's name and it didn't matter if you were a freshman or a senior," DeGraaf said.

The bonding didn't just stop there. The teammates also had carbohydrate dinners and team picnic, as well as other social events Yang said.

Hampton gave most of the responsibility of helping the younger girls grow as runners and as people to the upperclassmen.

"All of the upperclassmen have been freshmen before, so they know what it's like," Hampton said. "I try to get them to do most of the one on one."

Senior Jessica Busse and junior Katie Erdman were a couple of the leaders of the team. Hampton said that Busse and Erdman were both tremendous leaders on and off the course.

"Jessica and Katie had a lot to do with our younger girls improving this year. They were great leaders and had really helped the girls mature," Hampton said.

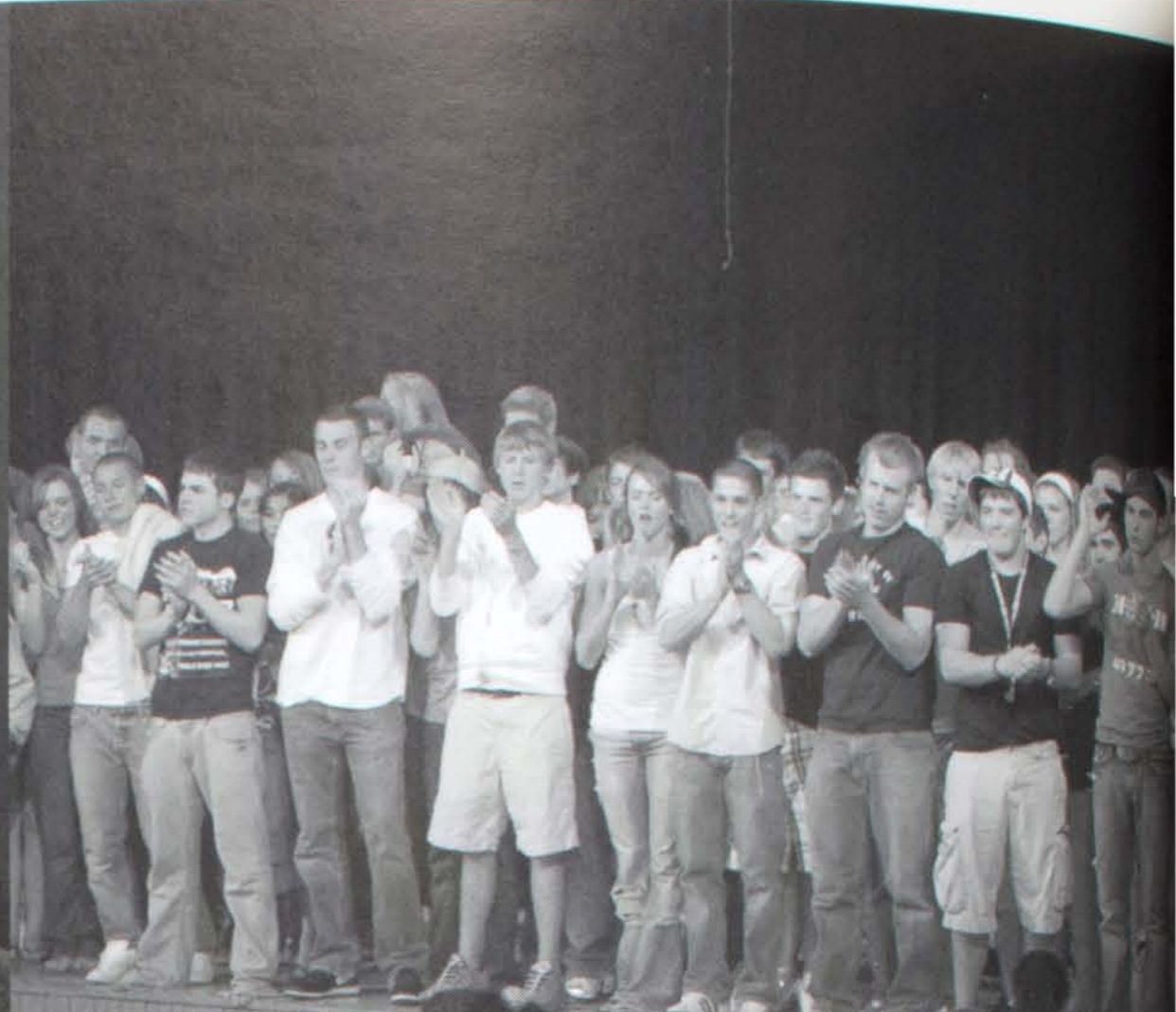


Junior Andrea Peterson battles a friend while trying to keep her balance. Photo by Aaron Walker 4-29-07.





Seniors Jared Park and Justin Tanaka open Class Night with "Way Away". Photo by Rachel Solava 5-17-07.



Freshman make their way to the sophomore seats during the moving of the classes. Photo by Rachel Solava 5-17-07. Senior class president Kyle Erickson passes the lamp of knowledge to incoming senior class president Liz Phipps. Photo by Rachel Solava 5-17-07.



Senior Jay Scharf raps "Lose Yourself" during Class Night. Photo by Rachel Solava 5-17-07.

Juniors Amanda Rehtmeyer and Becky Smith dance in the small gym after Class Night. Photo by Matt Shrier 5-17-07.



CLASS NIGHT NEVER DIES

The seniors put in the time and energy to make Class Night a night to remember.

By: Rachel Solava

Every year, the senior class strives to create the best Class Night ever. This year, they came dangerously close. From the amazing Bond opener to the energized performances by the Class Night band and the packed dance, every aspect of Class Night was kicked up a notch.

"The main difference from this year to last year was pretty simple, just the amount of support we had from both our senior classmates and the faculty. We started very early in the year, and tried to make this Class Night memorable," senior Danny Hajek said.

The James Bond video was the feature this year because the class of '07 wanted 007 to be their theme.

"Being in the Bond movie was a lot of fun. I knew it was going to be the featured video and I didn't want to mess it up," senior Joe Anhalt said.

The Bond video was definitely a favorite among all the students.

"It took us forever to film it, and at times we were skeptical as to whether it would even turn out or not. But in the end, everything came together pretty well, and I think it was a success," Hajek said.

Freshman Alex Goebel's favorite video was also the 007 video, but he enjoyed the entire evening.

"It was better this year because I understood the jokes," Goebel said.

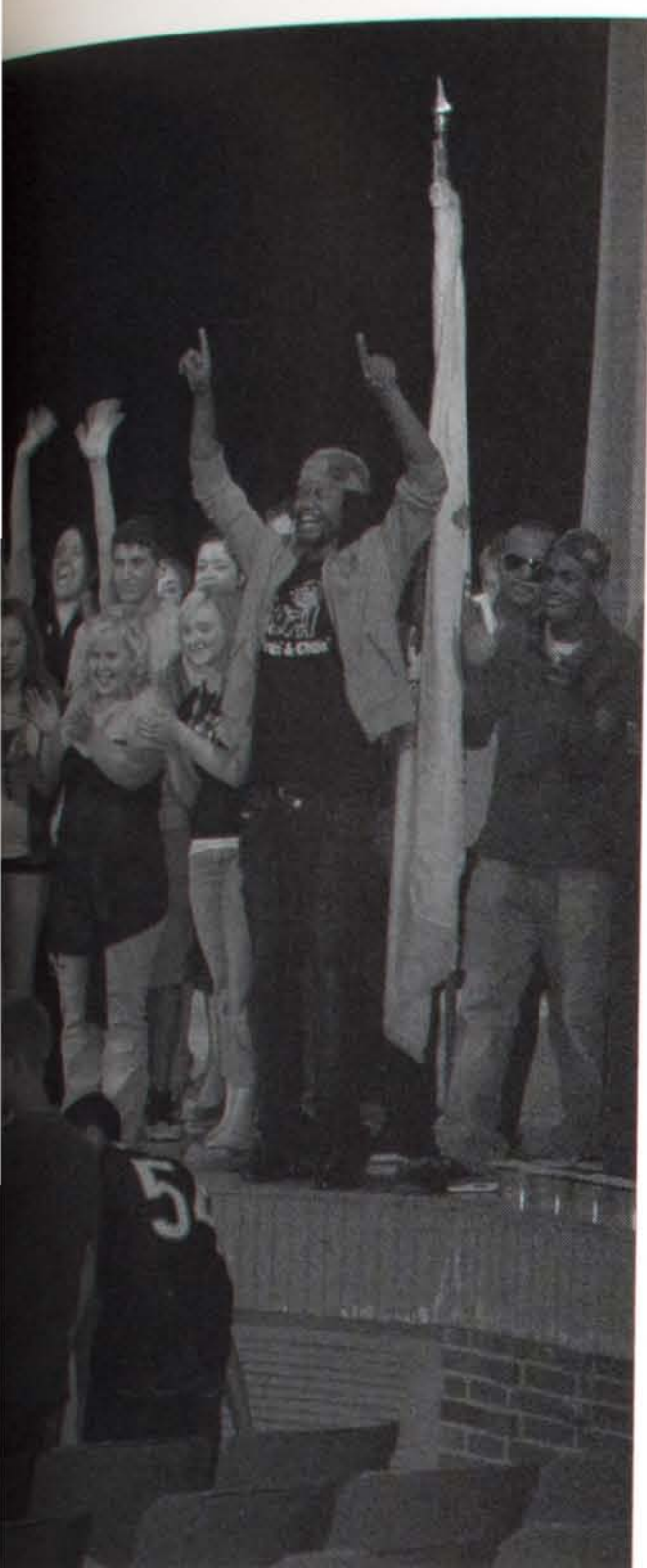
Every year, Class Night provides the seniors with an opportunity to show off their creativity, poke some fun at their

teachers, and say good-bye.

"I wanted to do as much as I could for Class Night because I was looking forward to that night ever since my first Class Night. It's the seniors last goodbyes and last impression. I wanted to make it a memorable one. I'll never forget it," Anhalt said.

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SENIOR
JOE ANHALT



Seniors welcome the incoming freshman with a standing ovation. Photo by Rachel Solava 5-17-07.



THE LOUNGE [SENIORS]

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 Photo of senior boys by Aaron Walker 9-21-06.

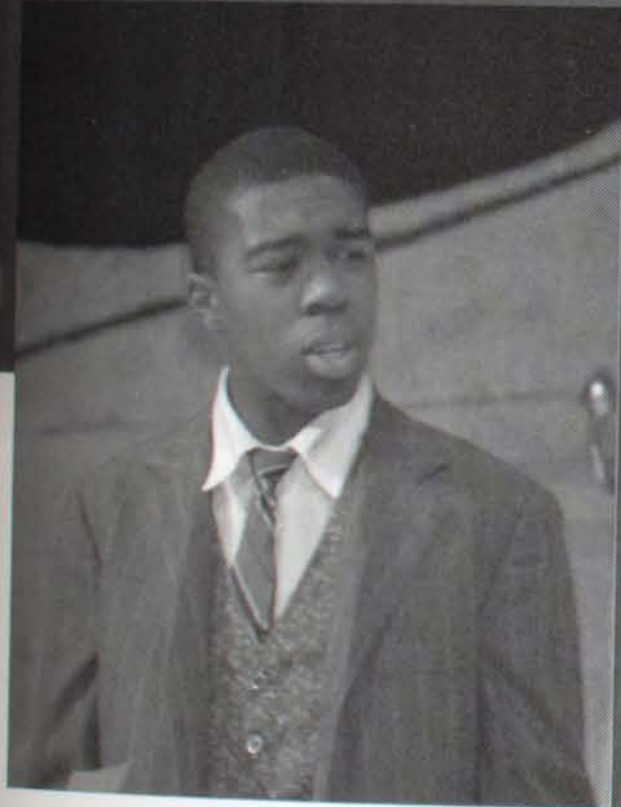
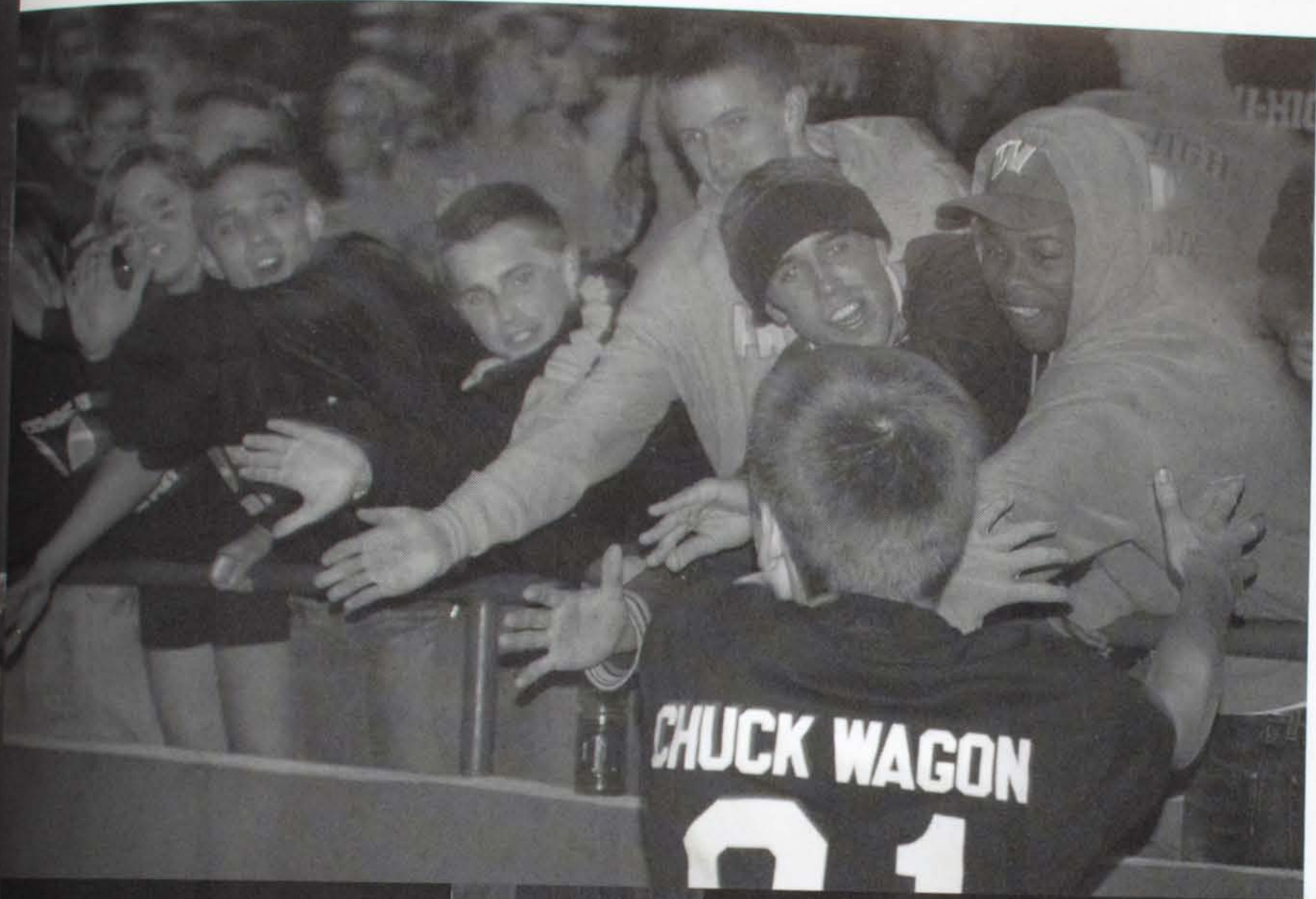


Photo of Cory Wilder by Rachel Solava 10-19-06.

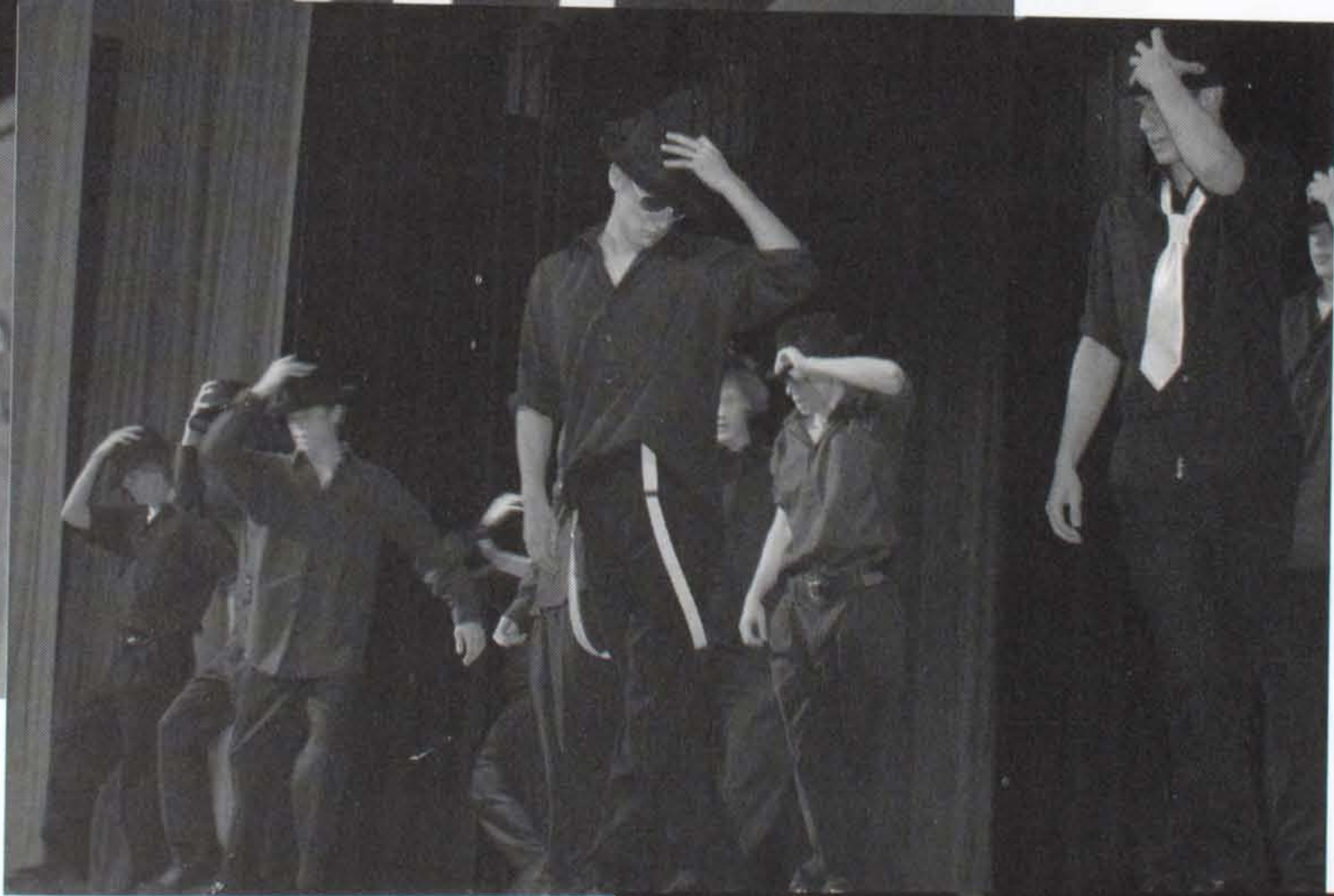


Photo of Mr. U-High participants by Alyssa Humphreys 11-7-06.
 Photo of Kyle Erickson and Liz Harbers by Matt Shrier 9-22-06.



"Sexy Back" filled Stroud Auditorium, bringing a sold out crowd to their feet, as twelve senior guys danced on to the stage.

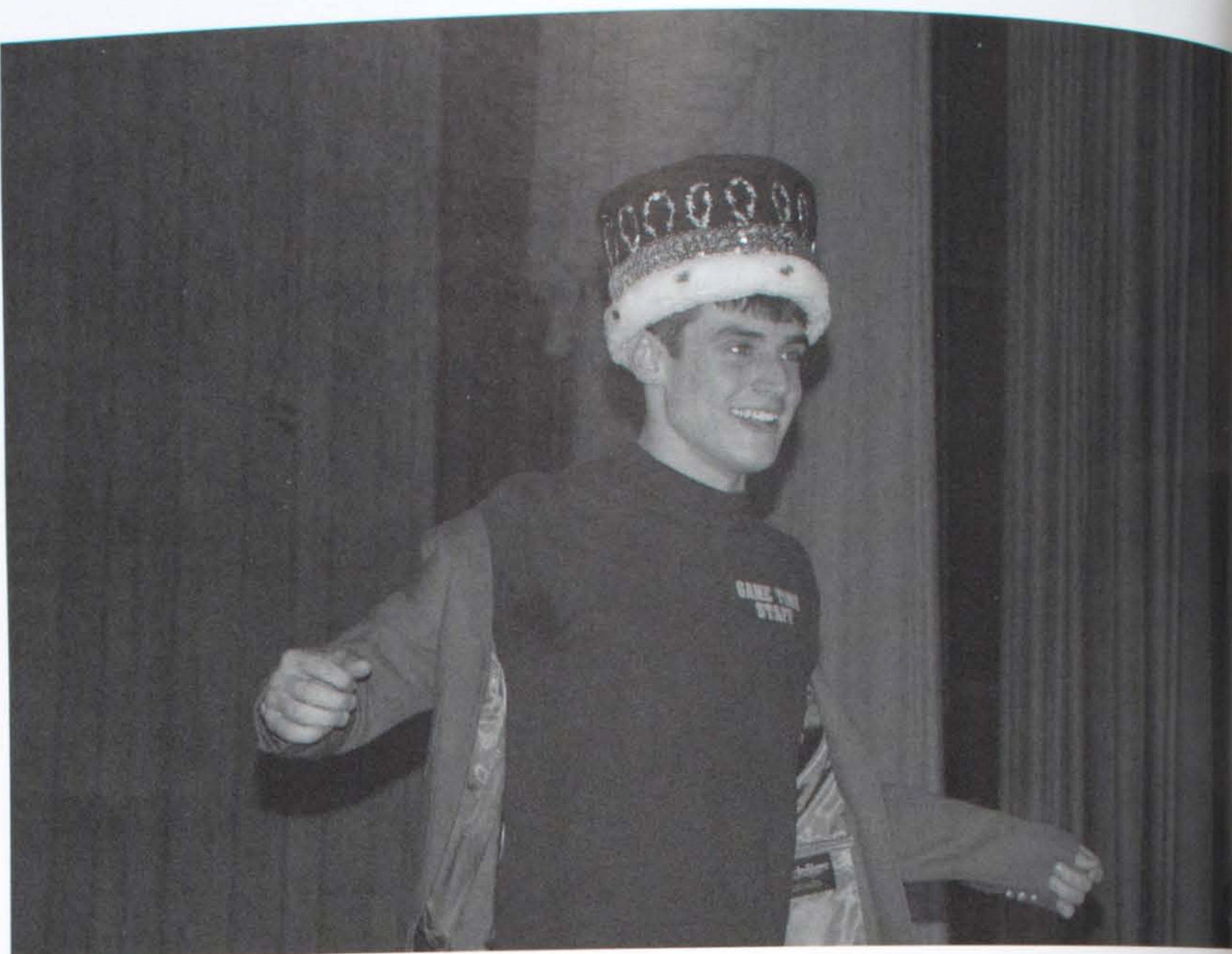
"We really looked for bravery in the swimwear competition," senior judge Liz Harbers said. "Kyle Erickson won because he wasn't afraid to go on stage in a Speedo."

The swimsuit competition was followed by formalwear, talent, and finally the question and answer.

"No one took those questions seriously," John Busch said. "I told the audience if I had one wish I would be a princess." The competition raised over \$2000 for the Haitian Christian Ministries, and in the end Joe Anhalt took the crown.

By: Aaron Burnett

Photo by Rachel Solava 10-9-06.



Elizabeth Alden

Benjamin Anderson

Alaska Andre'

Joseph Anhalt



Hilary Baboukis

Rachael Bakaitis

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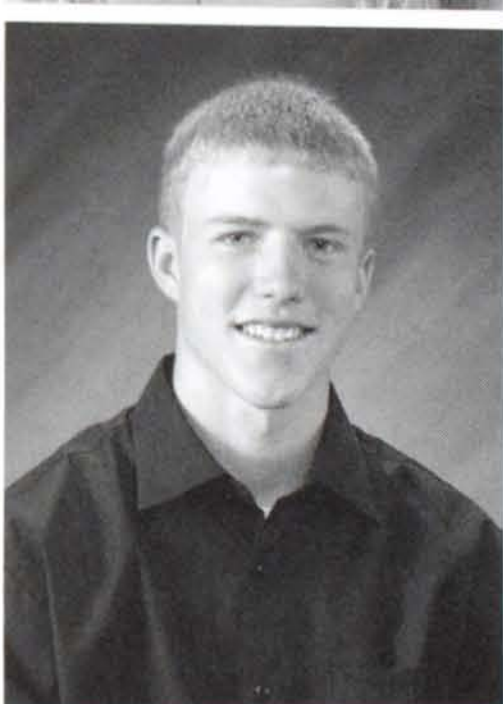


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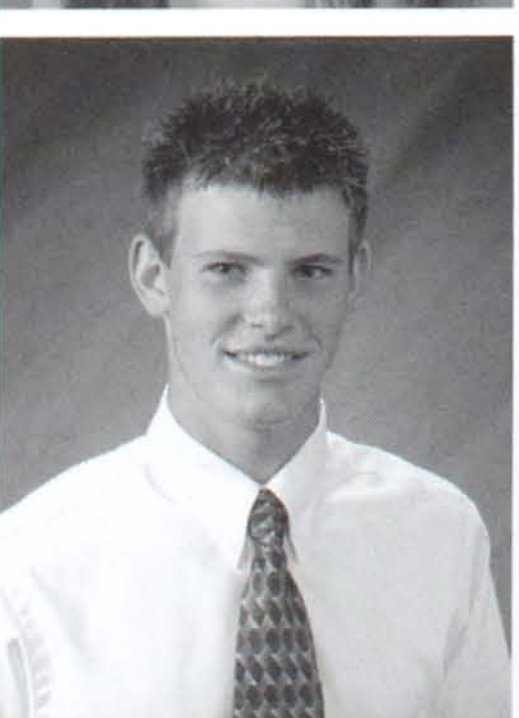


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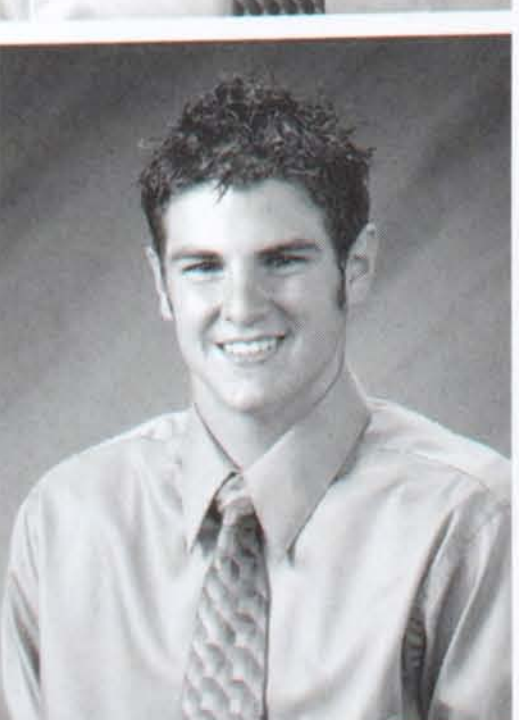


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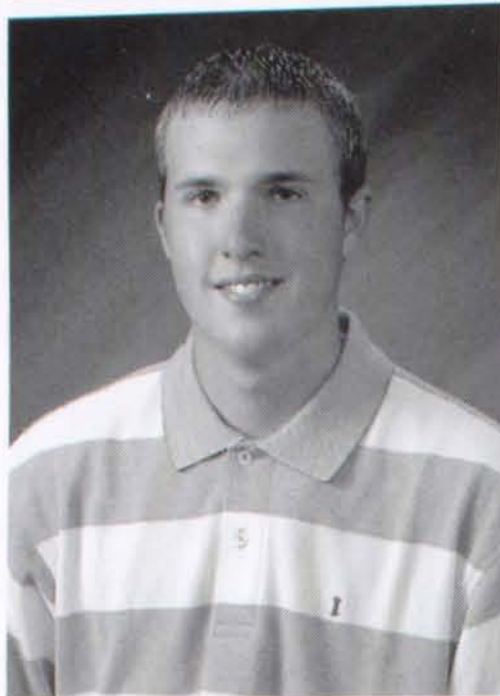


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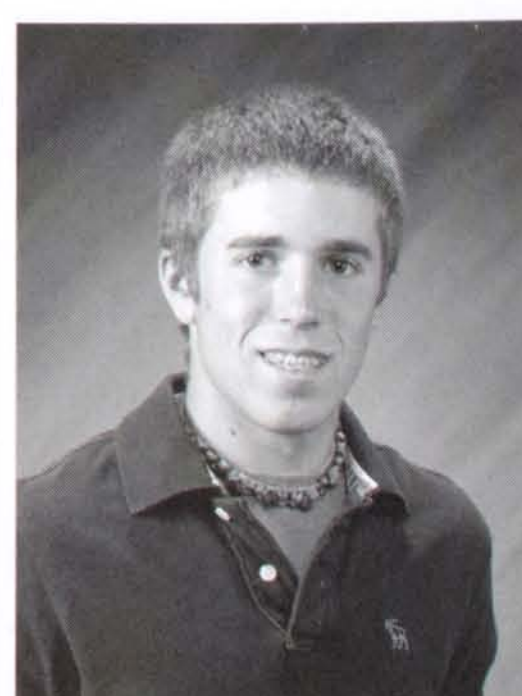
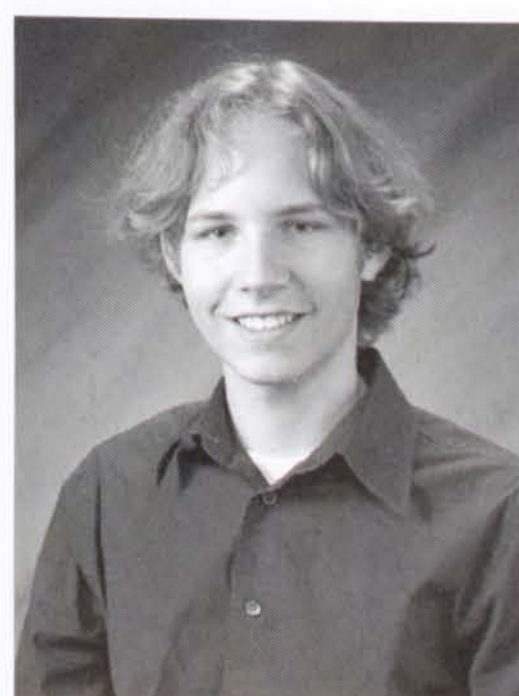
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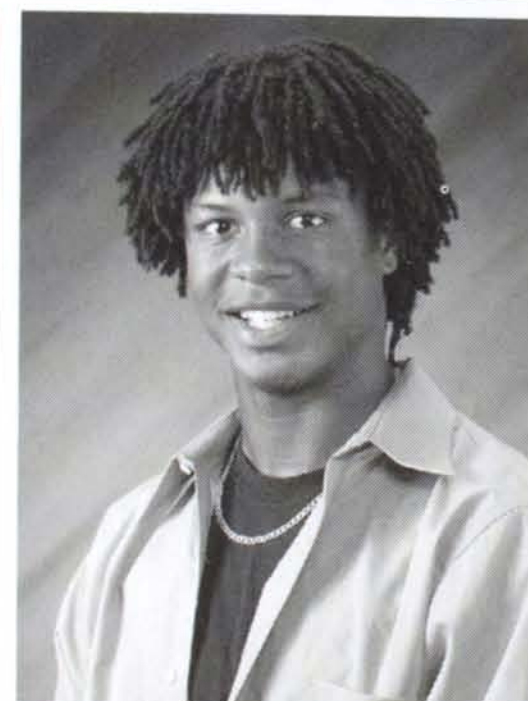


Kyndell Highland

Alyssa Hursey

Anna Jacob

Stephanie Jankowski



Ryan Jannusch

Lauren Januzik

David Johnson

Kaitlyn Johnson



For years, senior boys have painted their chests and covered themselves in green and yellow apparel to cheer on the team from the front bleachers.

“Ever since I was a freshman, I have been waiting until senior year to finally be able to do it,” senior Luke Graning said.

Senior boys have crowded the front bleachers for years as some of the most enthusiastic and spirited fans at games.

“I remember watching Jake Weiss when I was a sophomore, and I knew that when I was a senior I wanted to do it too,” senior Jake Gendron said.

The guys felt that the more they get into it, the better the team performed. Choreographed chants, signs, and costumes were frequent sightings at basketball and football games alike.

By: Michelle Eack

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Daniel Kaufman



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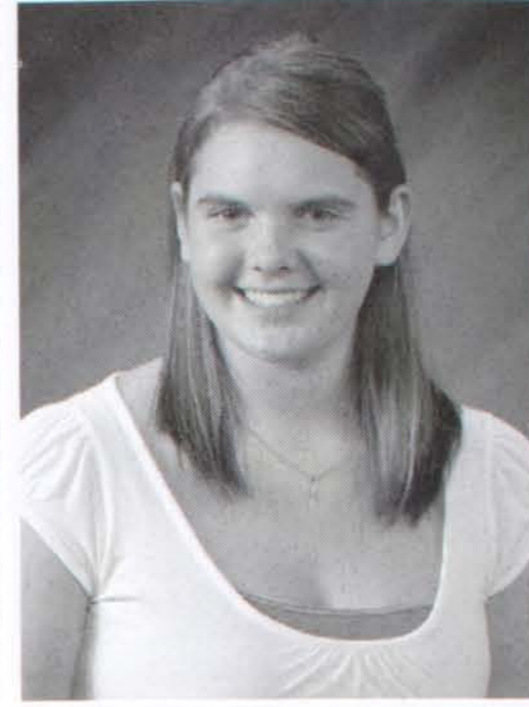
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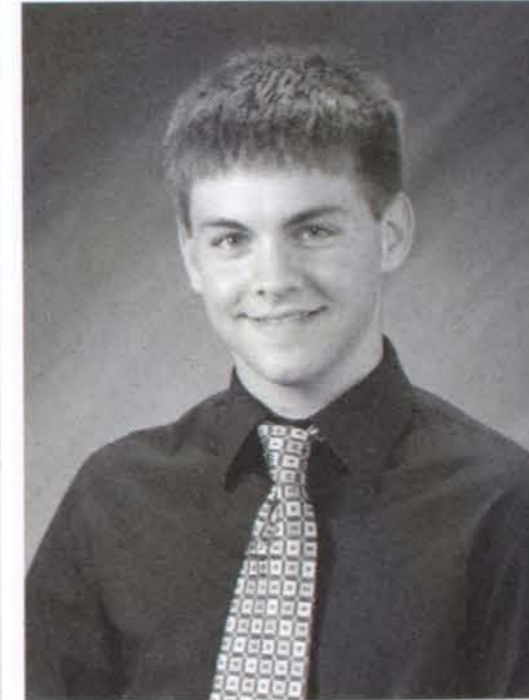
Kyle Leduc



Christine Liang



Jordan Lynn



Hailey McDaniel



Soaked socks and shoes, wet jeans, and wind-blown hair are frequent sightings in the junior hallway every rainy morning. The long walk from the junior lot is something that seniors definitely don't miss.

"It was so cold and windy on a lot of days and it felt like the longest walk ever," senior Jake Nord said.

Seniors enjoy the benefits of a parking lot that is close to the building. With a shorter walk, many seniors can now enjoy a longer free hour that is not taken up by the hike to the parking lot.

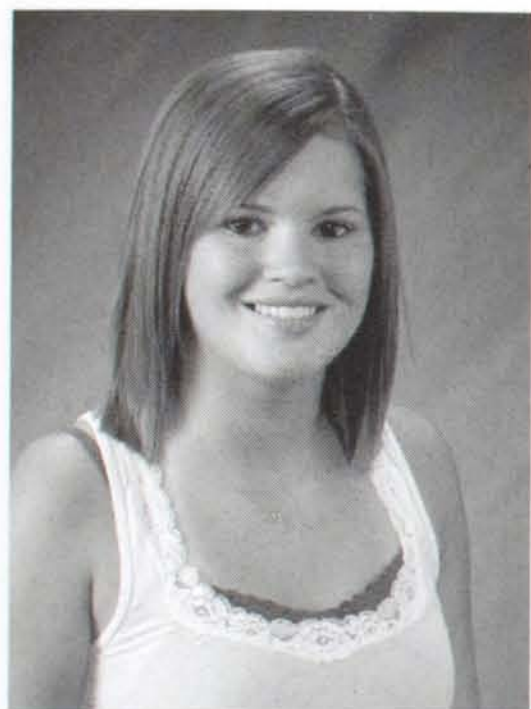
Senior Clair Smid did not have to experience the walk to the "j-lot" last year. She feels kind of guilty, but still appreciates the other benefits of parking in the senior lot this year.

"One of my favorite things ever is getting back from my free hour at 2 p.m. and getting to park in the first or second spot," Smid said.

By: Michelle Eack

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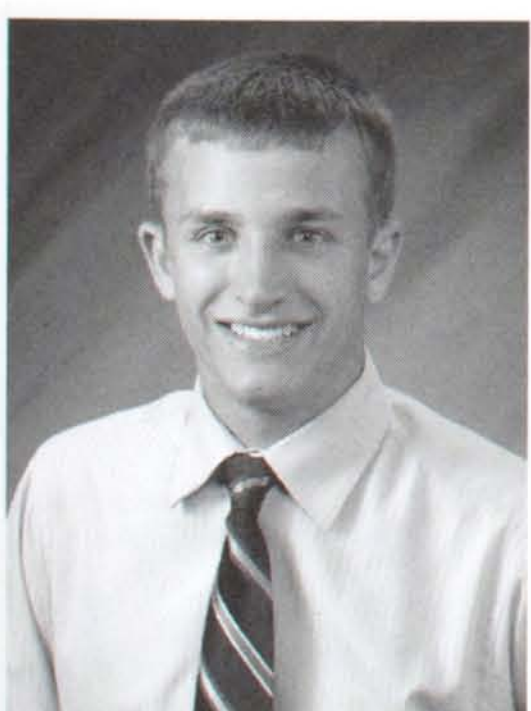


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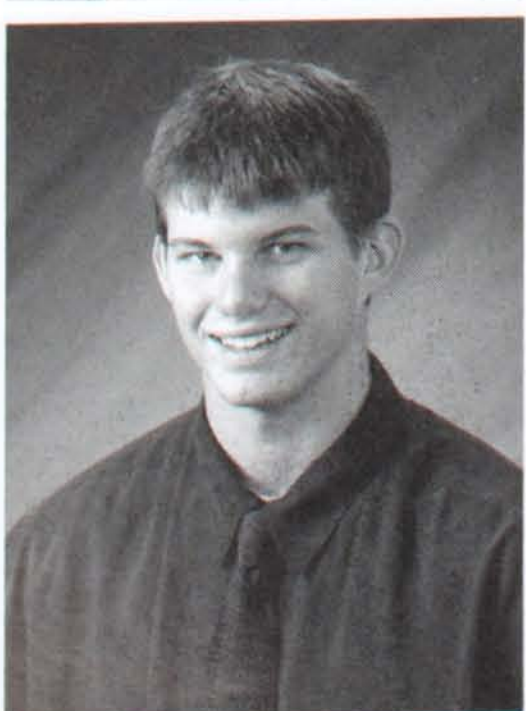
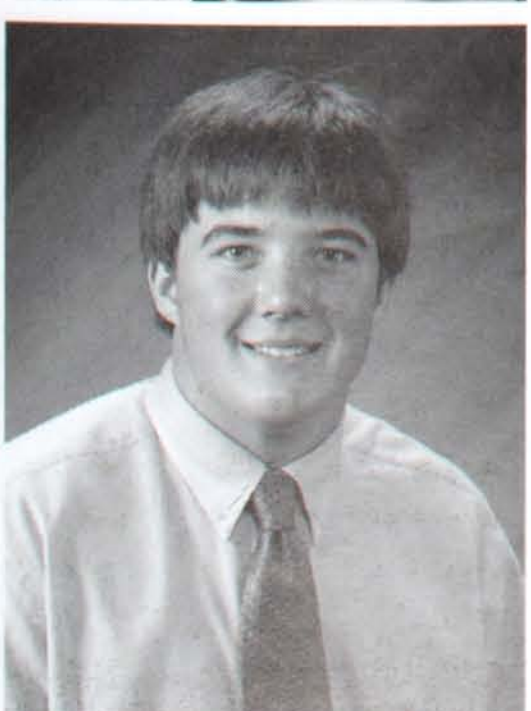


Jason Mercer

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Sarah Morris

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Lawrence Nord

Sean O'Malley

Being accepted to college is what most high school seniors strive for. The seniors at U-High are no different.

"When I got into the University of Illinois I was extremely relieved," senior Jared Park said. "Now I can enjoy the rest of my senior year."

Being accepted to college also brings a sense of excitement. As seniors get closer to graduating, they prepare to open a new chapter in their life.

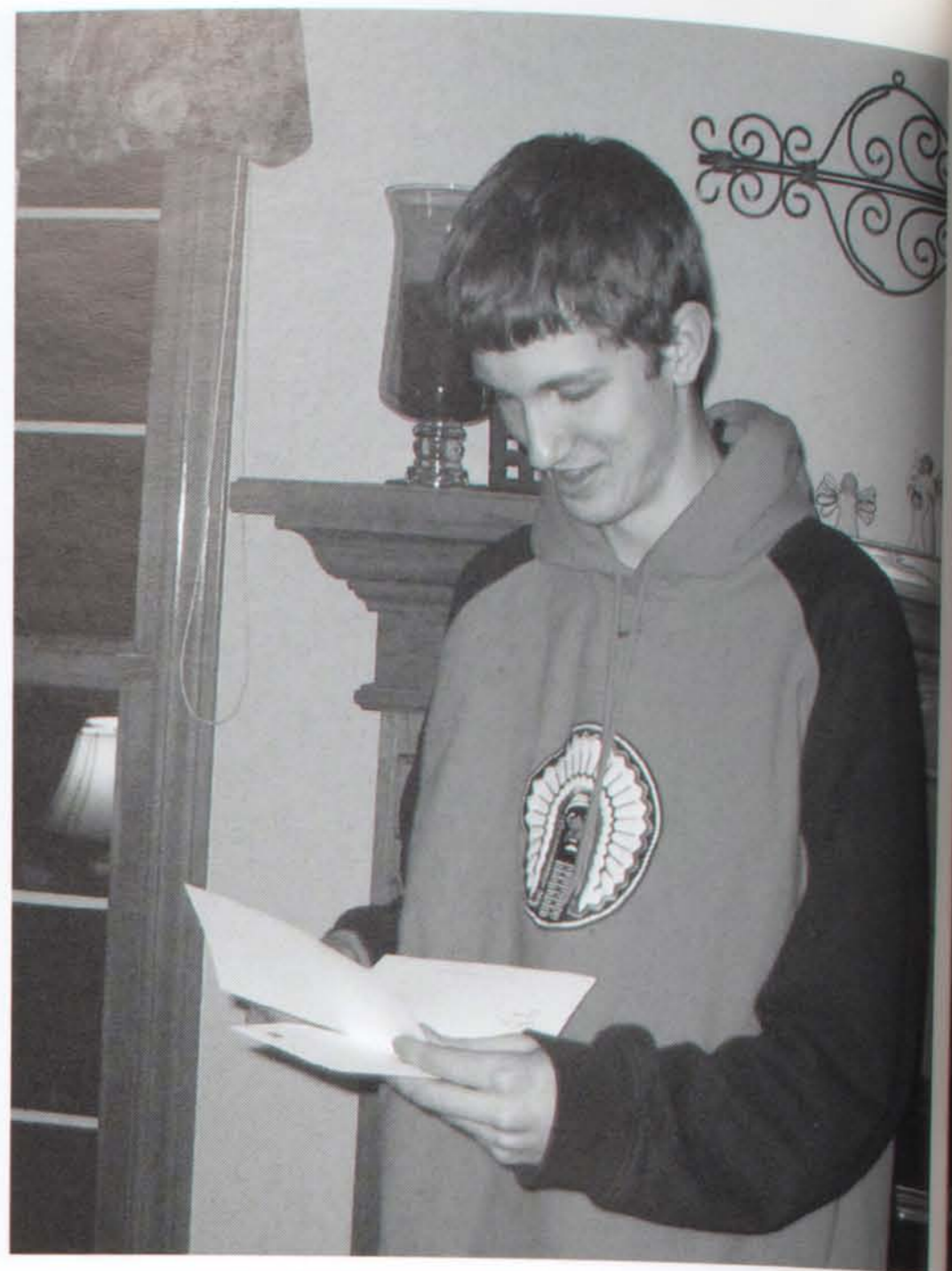
"I can't wait for college," senior John Busch said. "I'll be living on my own and making my own choices."

With many seniors making the University of Illinois their number one choice, there will be a sense of familiarity their first day on campus.

"A lot of my good friends are going to the University of Illinois," senior Mike Rotsch said. "My first day on campus won't be as nerve wracking with my friends there too."

By: Bridget McGuire

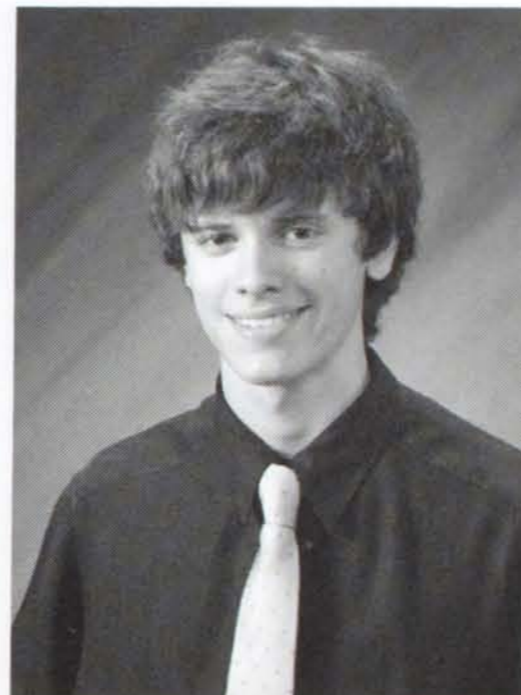
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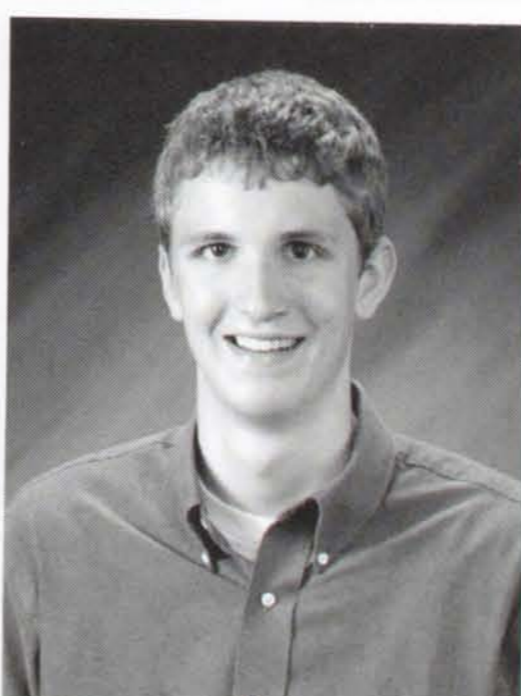
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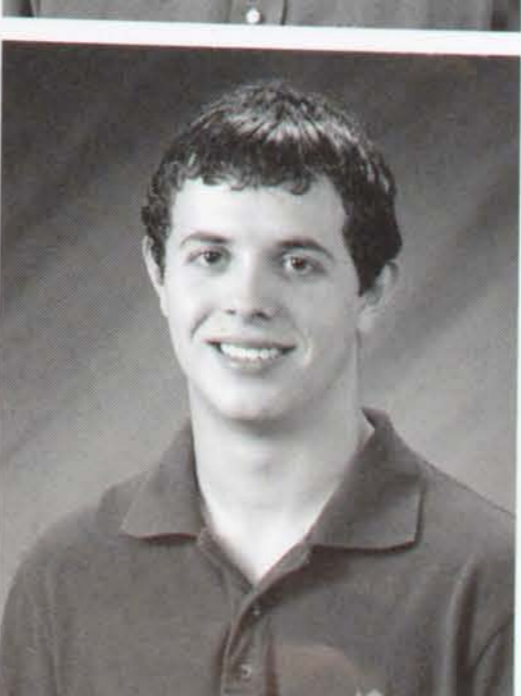
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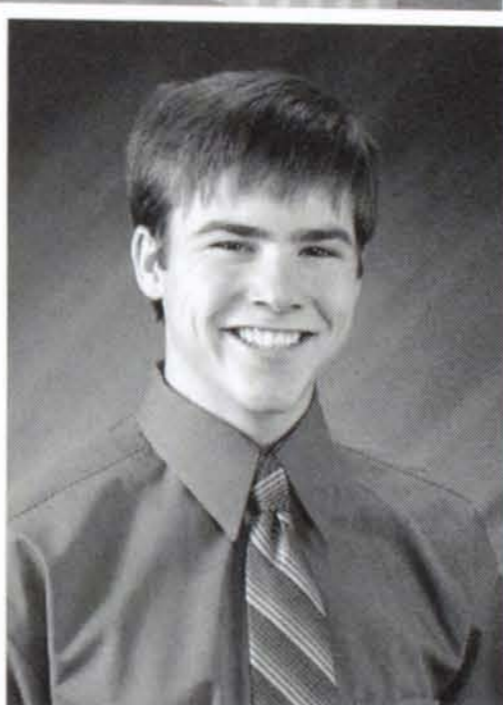
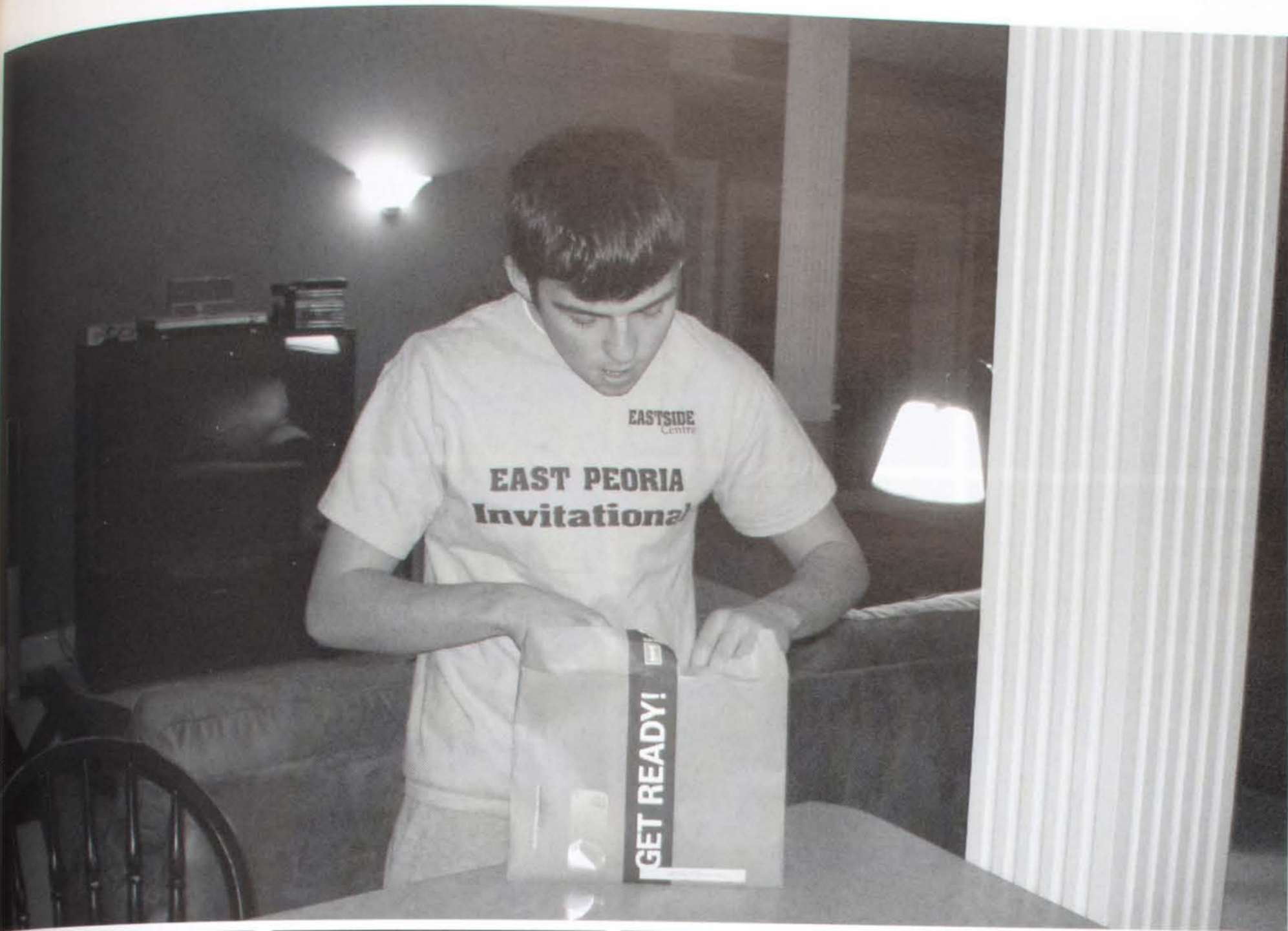


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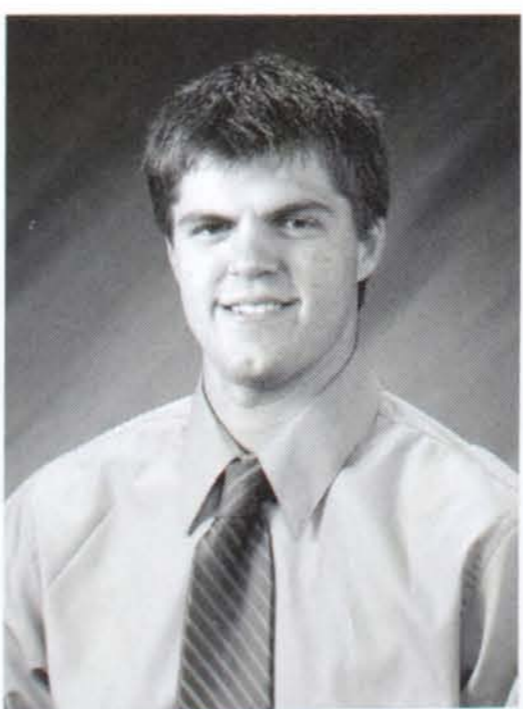


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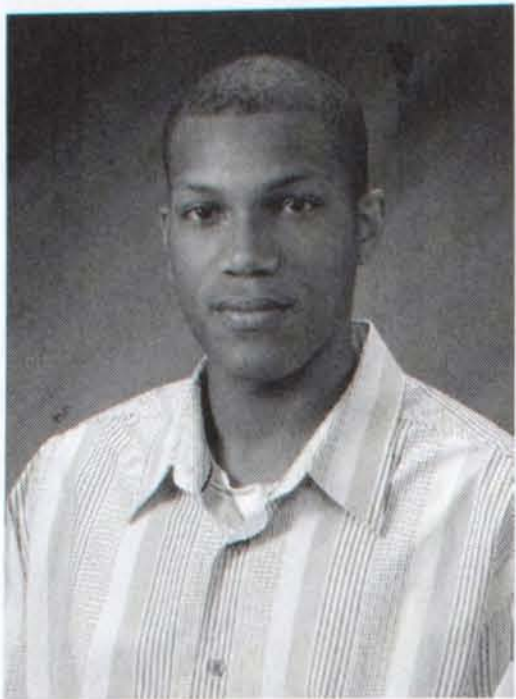
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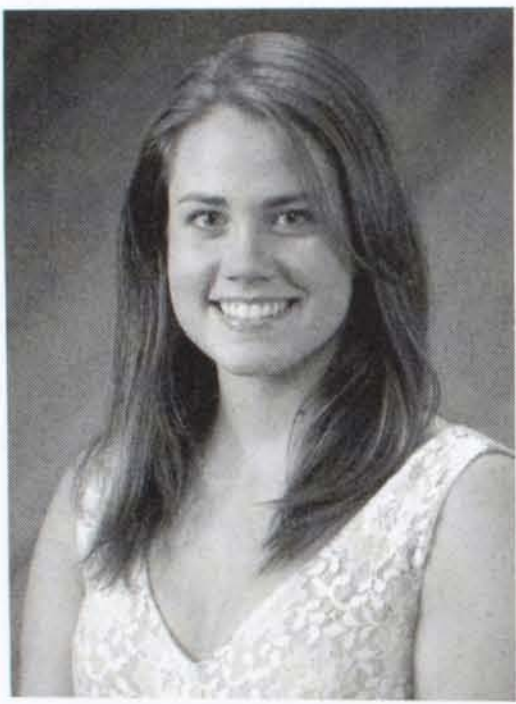
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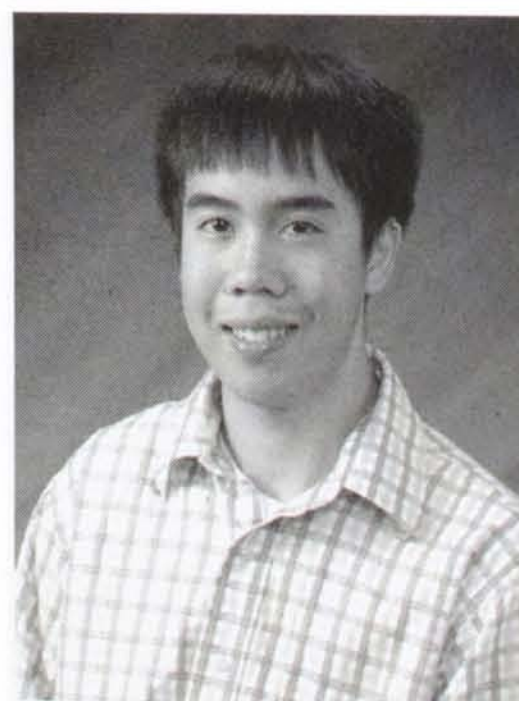
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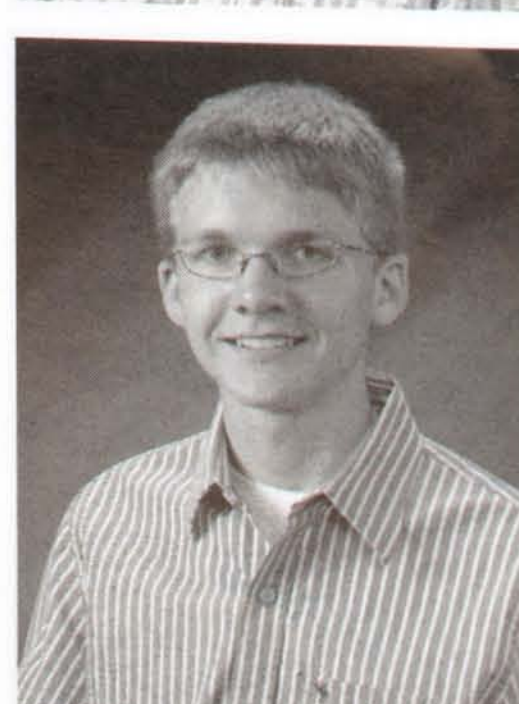
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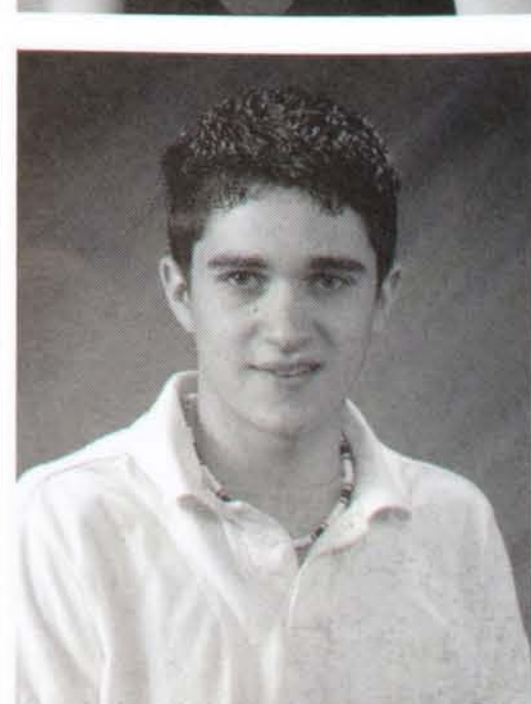
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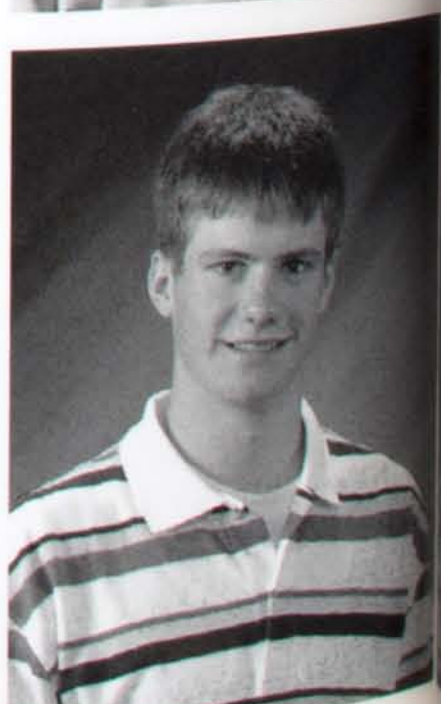
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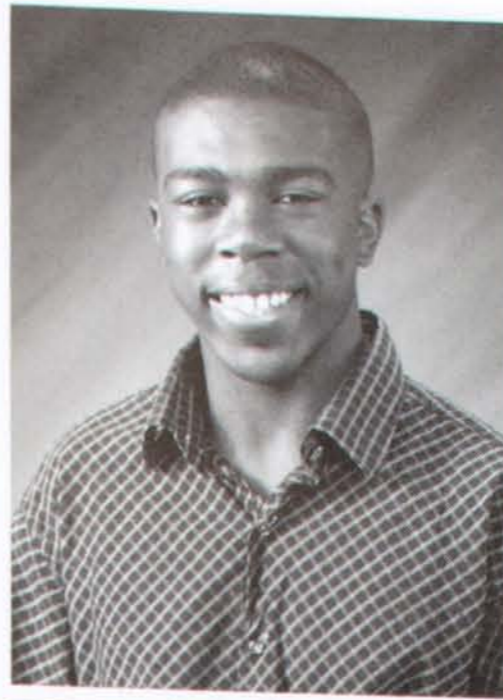


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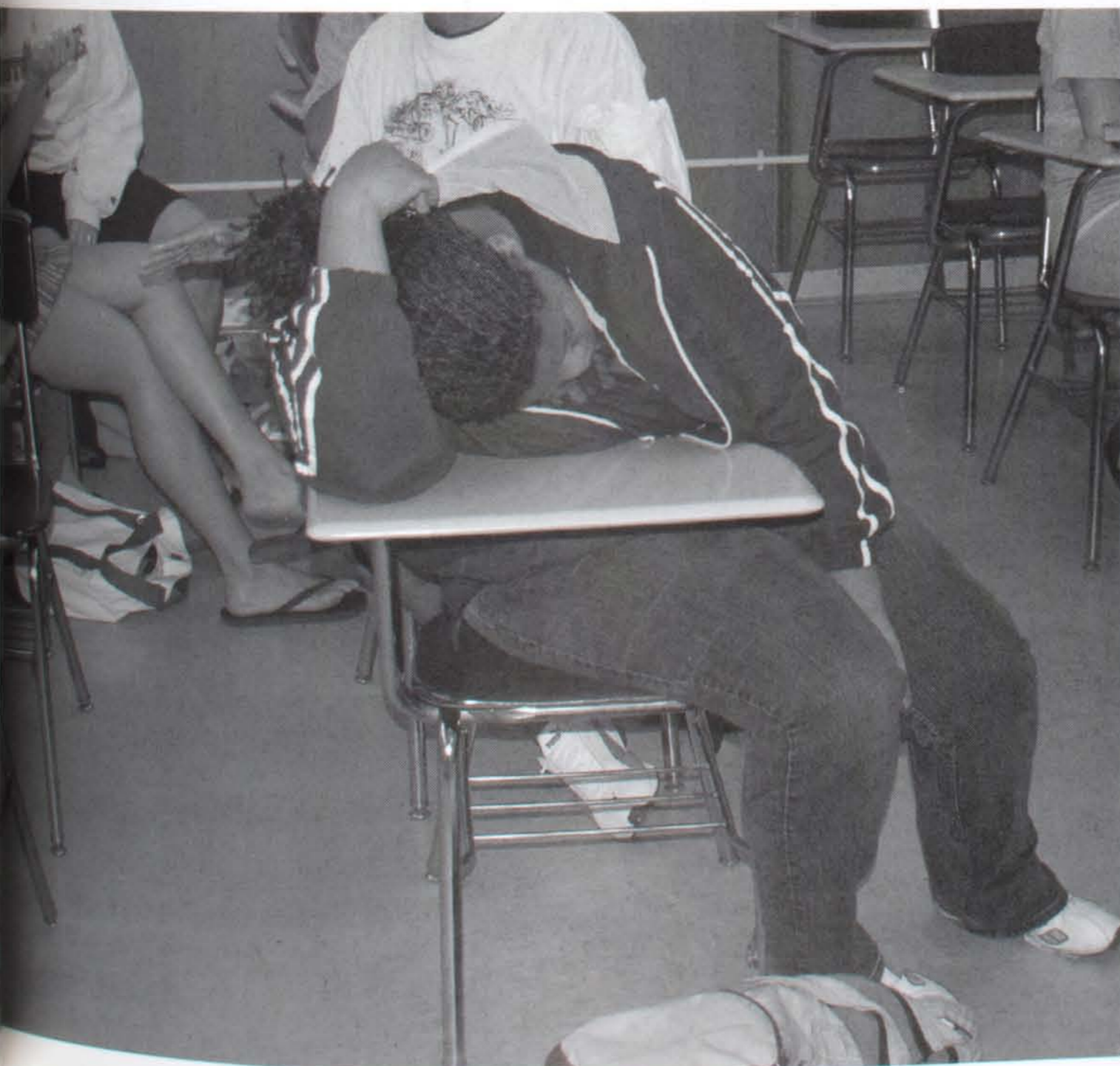
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Brittany Weingart



The well-known term "senioritis" is used to describe the slacking habits of seniors. Although this is a fake disease, it proves to be all too real for students experiencing it.

"I never want to go to class, study, or do my homework. The school year seems like it's over with because I've already been accepted to college," senior Christine Bass said.

While being admitted to college may be a relief to some, showing signs of "senioritis" may set you back in the long run.

"Not being motivated makes things drag and that's a bad habit to take into your college career. Many college freshmen suffer from having to relearn how to study and stay focused," guidance counselor Keith Skinner said.

Teachers have learned that seniors dealing with "senioritis" may respond better to a change of pace.

"I try to have a variety of activities and not the same old thing. Students should remember that second semester grades are important and your educational career is not over. In many ways, it just started," teacher Jean Gorski said.

By: Caitlin Truty

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THE J-LOT [JUNIORS]

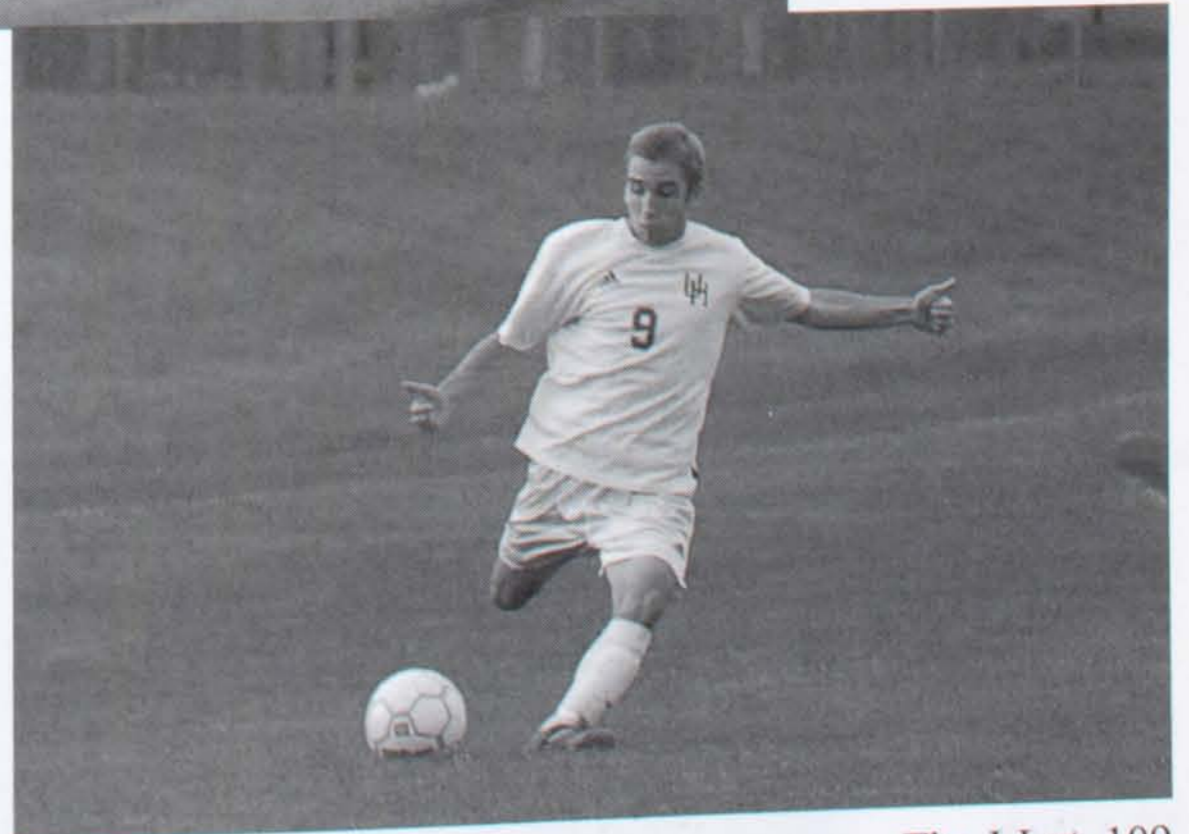
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The crisp November air filled the lungs of the Key Club members as the autumn leaves crunched beneath their feet. They felt the stretch in their backs and arms as they dragged the rakes toward themselves. The brisk weather was perfect for raking leaves.

Over 30 Key Club members helped rake leaves for eight area residents this fall. The students raked for three hours to completely clear all the yards.

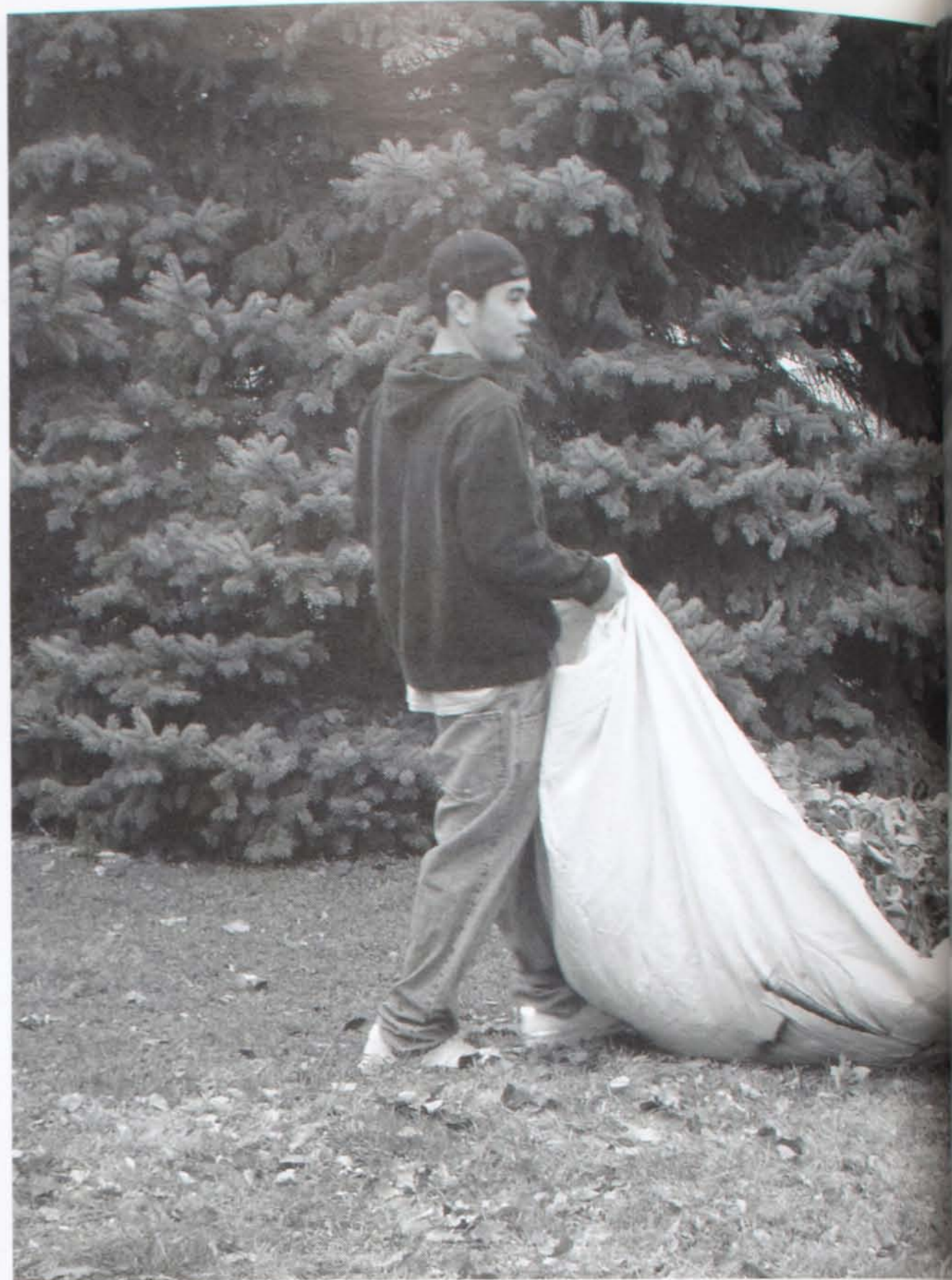
"I like how we helped the community. I got to hang out with my friends while still doing good things," sophomore Brandon Diekhoff said.

The students felt like they had made a difference, and their hard work was greatly appreciated. Dave Biddle was one of the residents helped by Key Club.

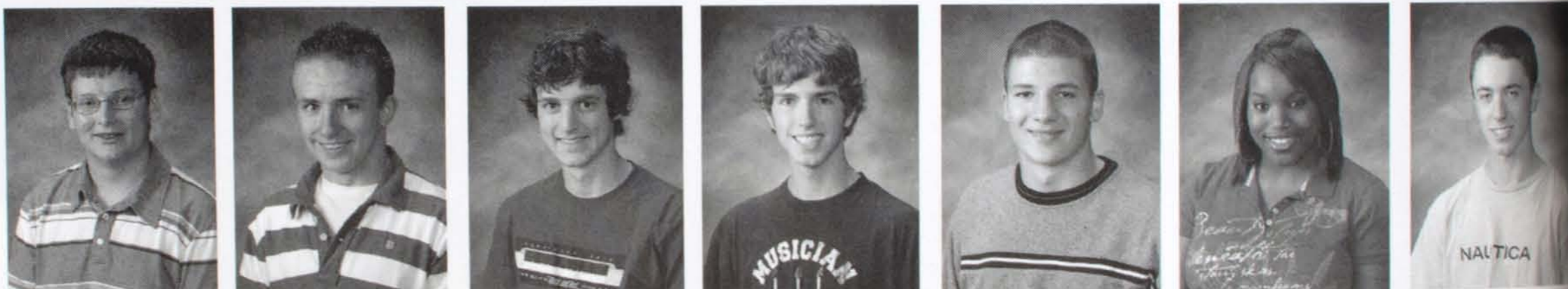
"I think it's great for high school students to come out and help senior citizens. If there were more people like them, it would make the world a much better place," Biddle said.

By: Rachel Solava

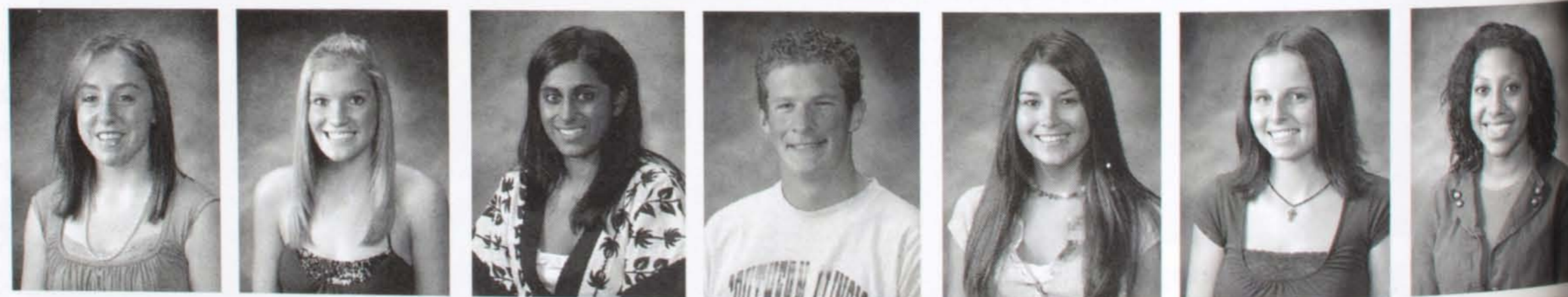
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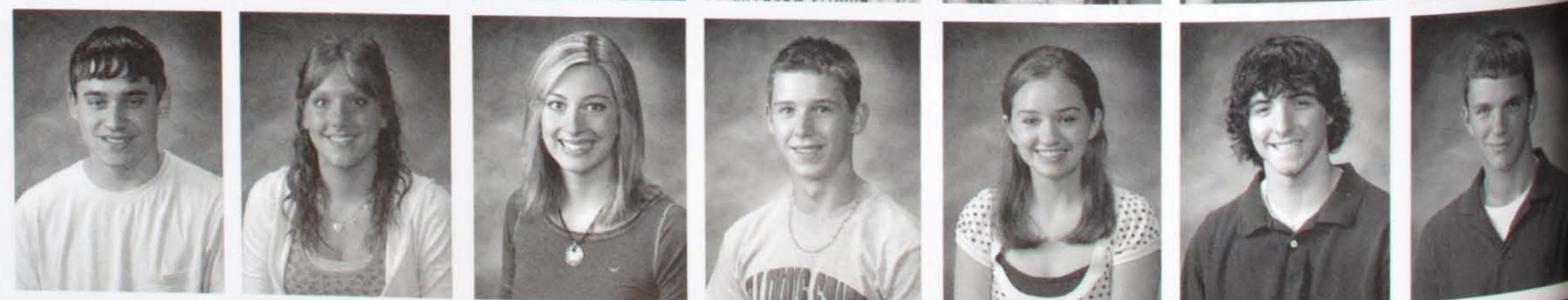
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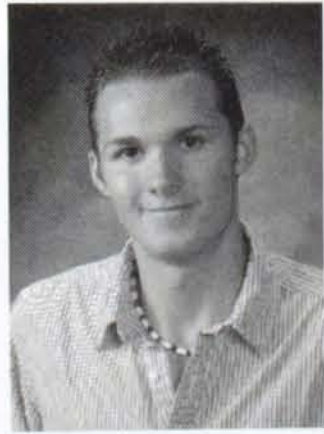


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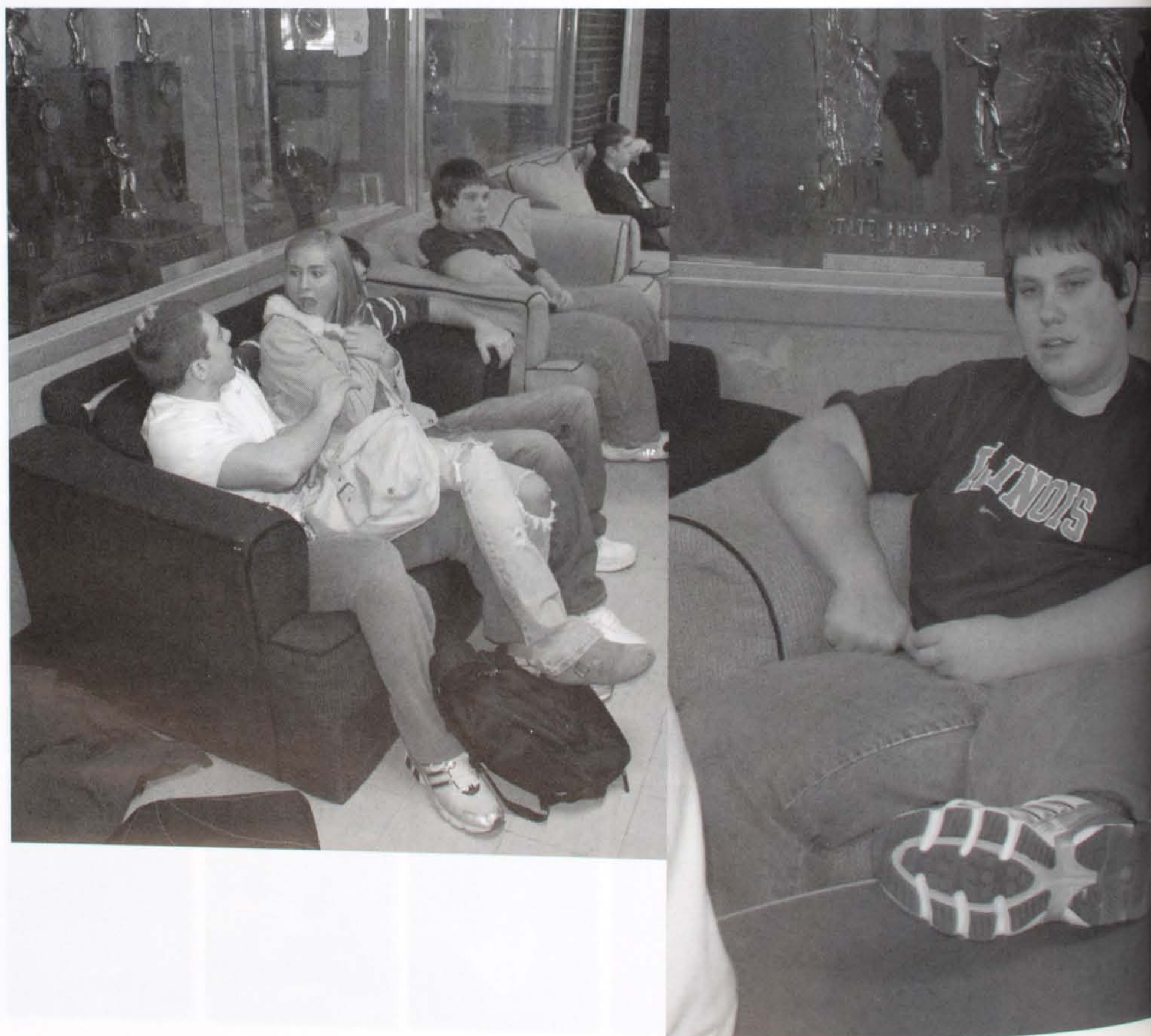
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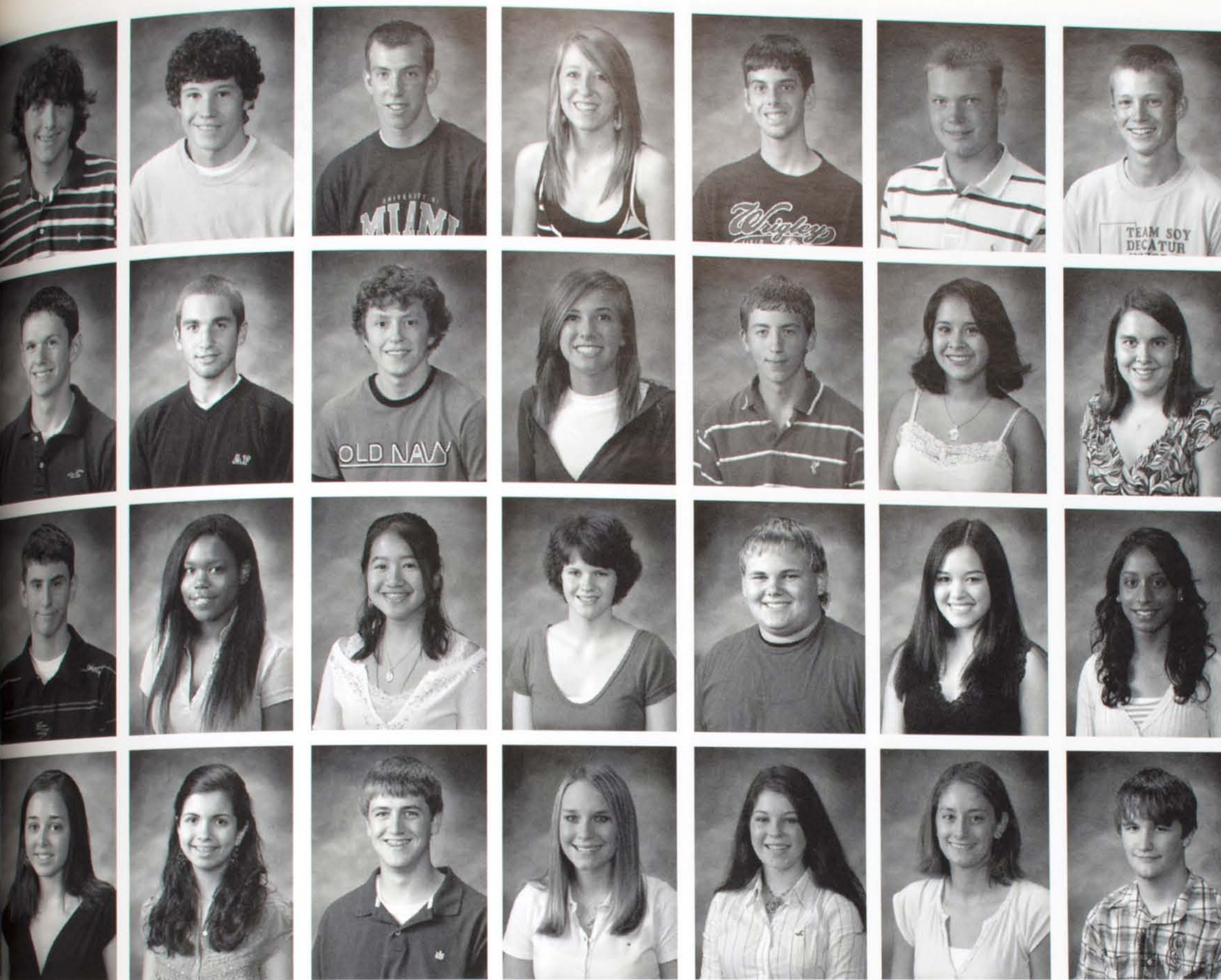


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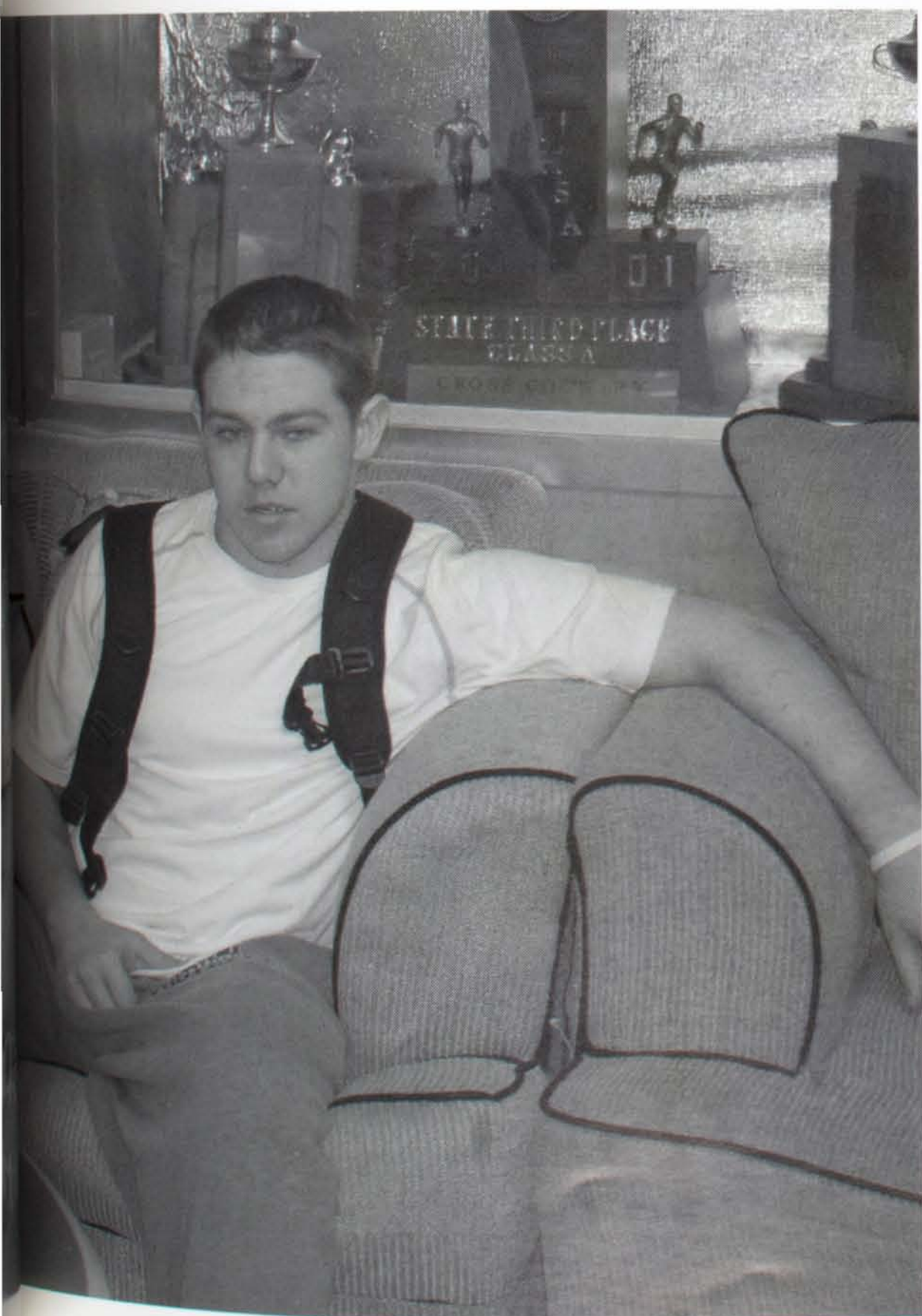


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After two years of being considered the pesky freshmen and sophomores, the class of 2008 are now upperclassmen.

"It's nice, I like not worrying about being in the way and someone saying, 'ugh, underclassmen,'" junior Hillary Giesel said.

Even though the couches are for all the students, the trend has been that the upperclassmen take dominance over them.

"The couches are what I like. Now I can sit there and no one will tell me to move, except there are a few seniors who ask us to leave, but it's understandable. I'll do the same thing next year," Giesel said.

The leisure during school isn't the only change the juniors are facing this year. The classes are changing as well.

"It seems like the teachers expect more out of us. I think it's because we've been around for a few years now, and they are preparing us for being seniors and for college," junior Molly Kaisner said.

Being a junior also means getting the chance to take the grueling and unwanted ACT's.

"I'm taking a class at Heartland to prepare for the ACT and I feel that it's challenging me to do my best," junior Heather Wickenhauser said.

With a year of being upperclassmen under their belt, the juniors are well prepared for seniority next year.

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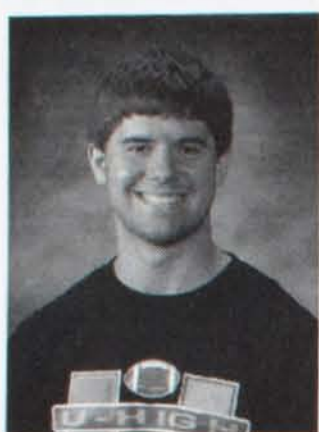
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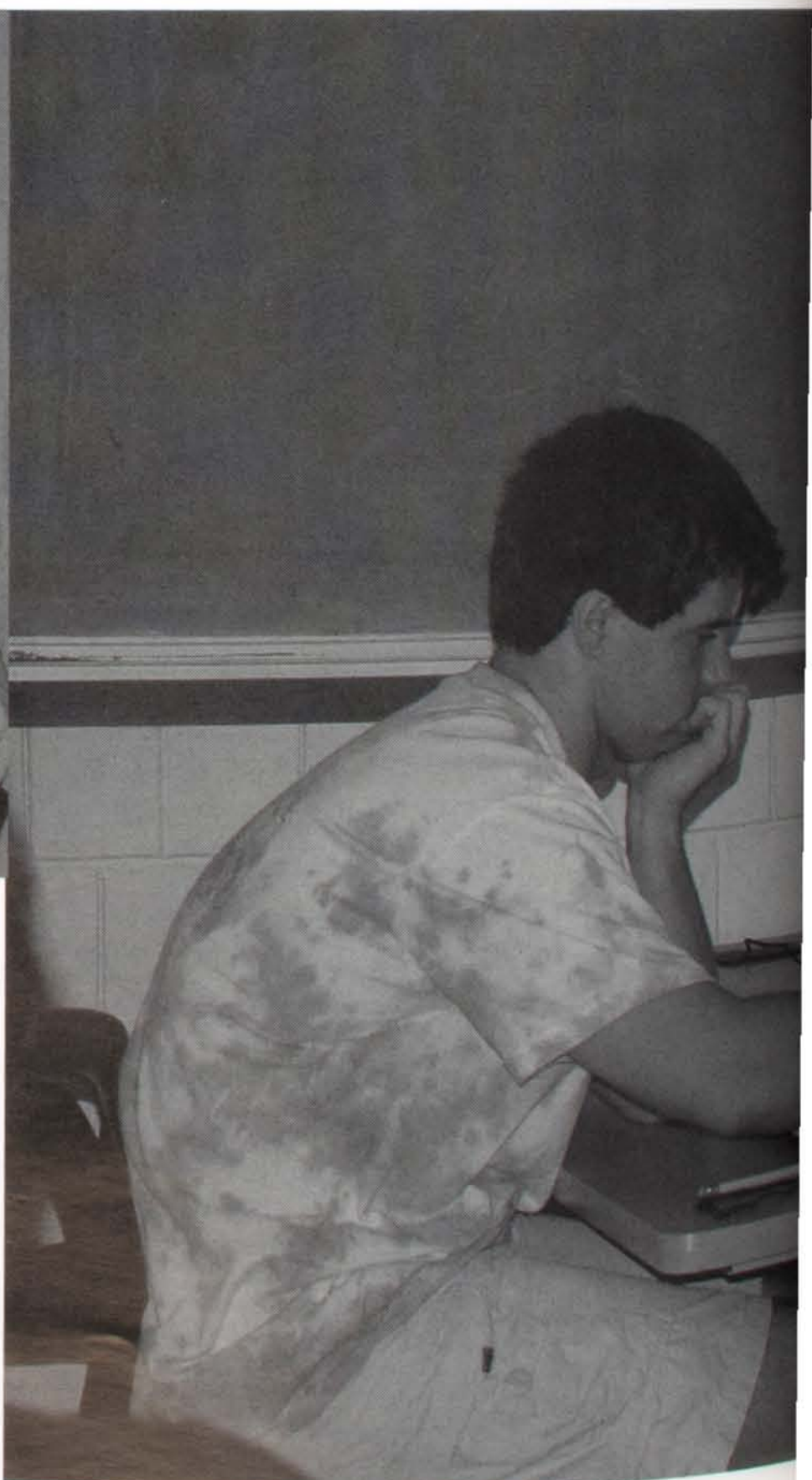
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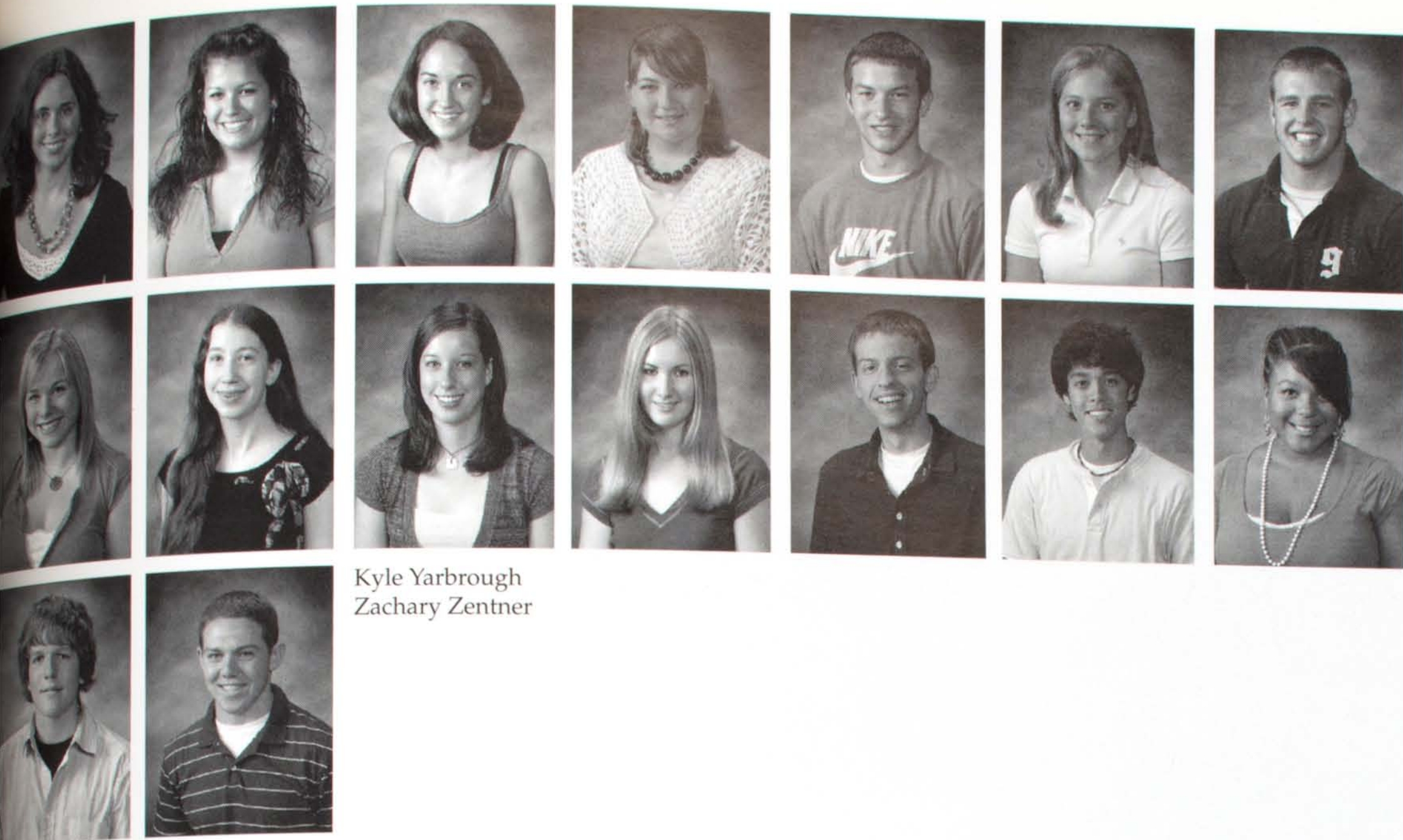


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Laptops can be a very useful resource for students in Mrs. Thetard's AP Literature class.

"We used them a lot to get professional views on the books we read. We also researched the background of the book, and used the laptops to write essays," junior Rustin Fakheri said.

Laptops are also used for online discussions and as a way to get quick information, junior Sheena Bhayana said.

Junior Matt Skibo agreed that the laptops are an easy way to find information in a hurry.

"We did a lot of searches. It's cool to have an objective to find out stuff," Skibo said.

Although laptops, when used correctly, can be a great resource, they can also be a distraction. As long as the laptops are right at their fingertips, students are always faced with the temptation to get off-task.

"It can be a bit of a balancing act," Fakheri said. "The teacher notices when a student is constantly on the computer, and sometimes says something to the student."

Overall, many students prefer laptops over looking through encyclopedias and other reference books.

By: Michelle Eack
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BEHIND THE WHEEL [SOPHOMORES]

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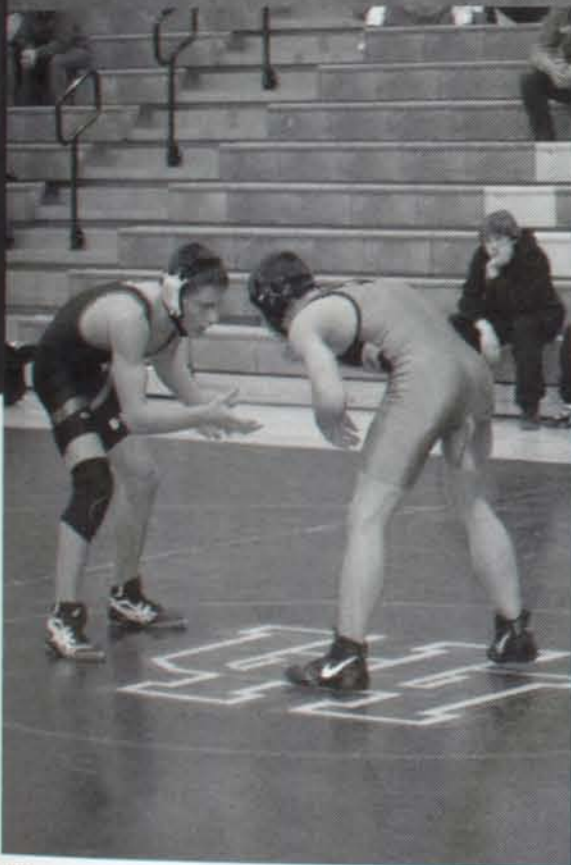
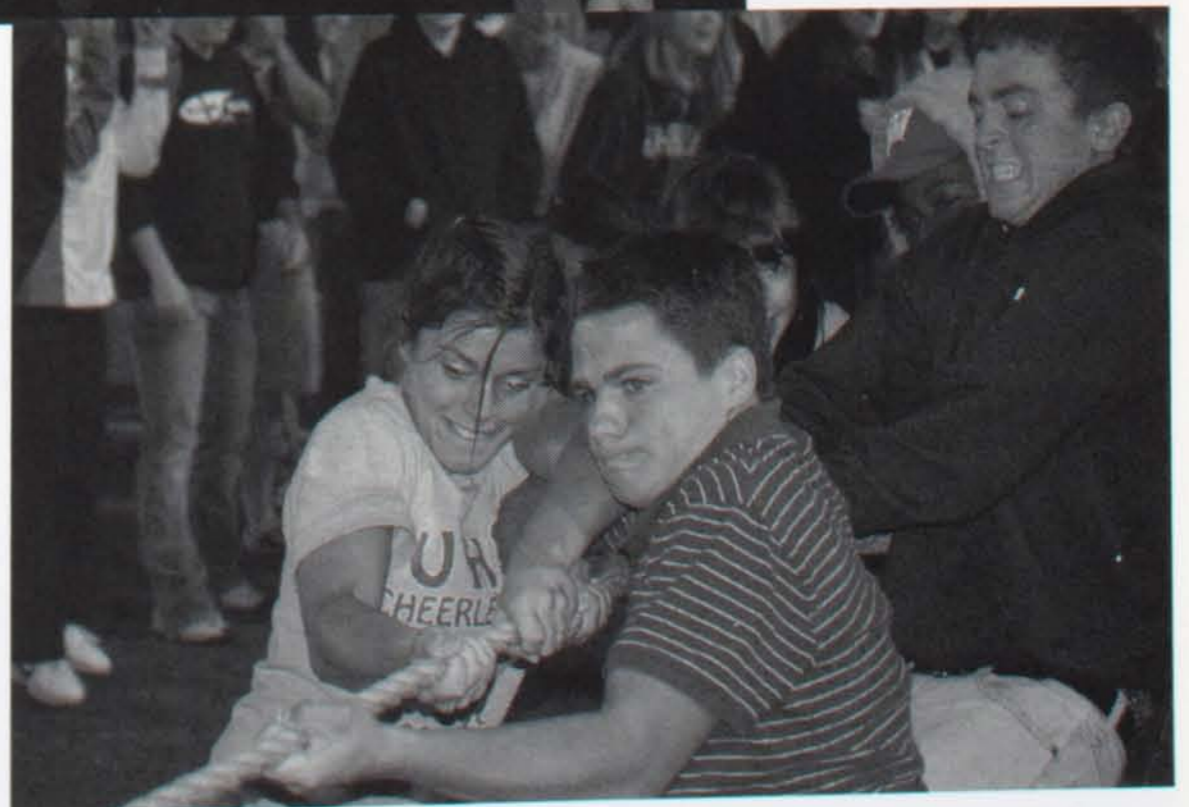


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When grades start to slip, students will do anything for an extra boost. So when the chance arose in Andrea Markert's chemistry class to get 20 points extra credit, the students were immediately intrigued.

The catch behind the extra credit was that students had to spend a whole day dressed as a mole.

"It was so embarrassing walking around school," sophomore Lindsay Schroeder said. "Everyone stared at us and wondered why we were dressed so weird."

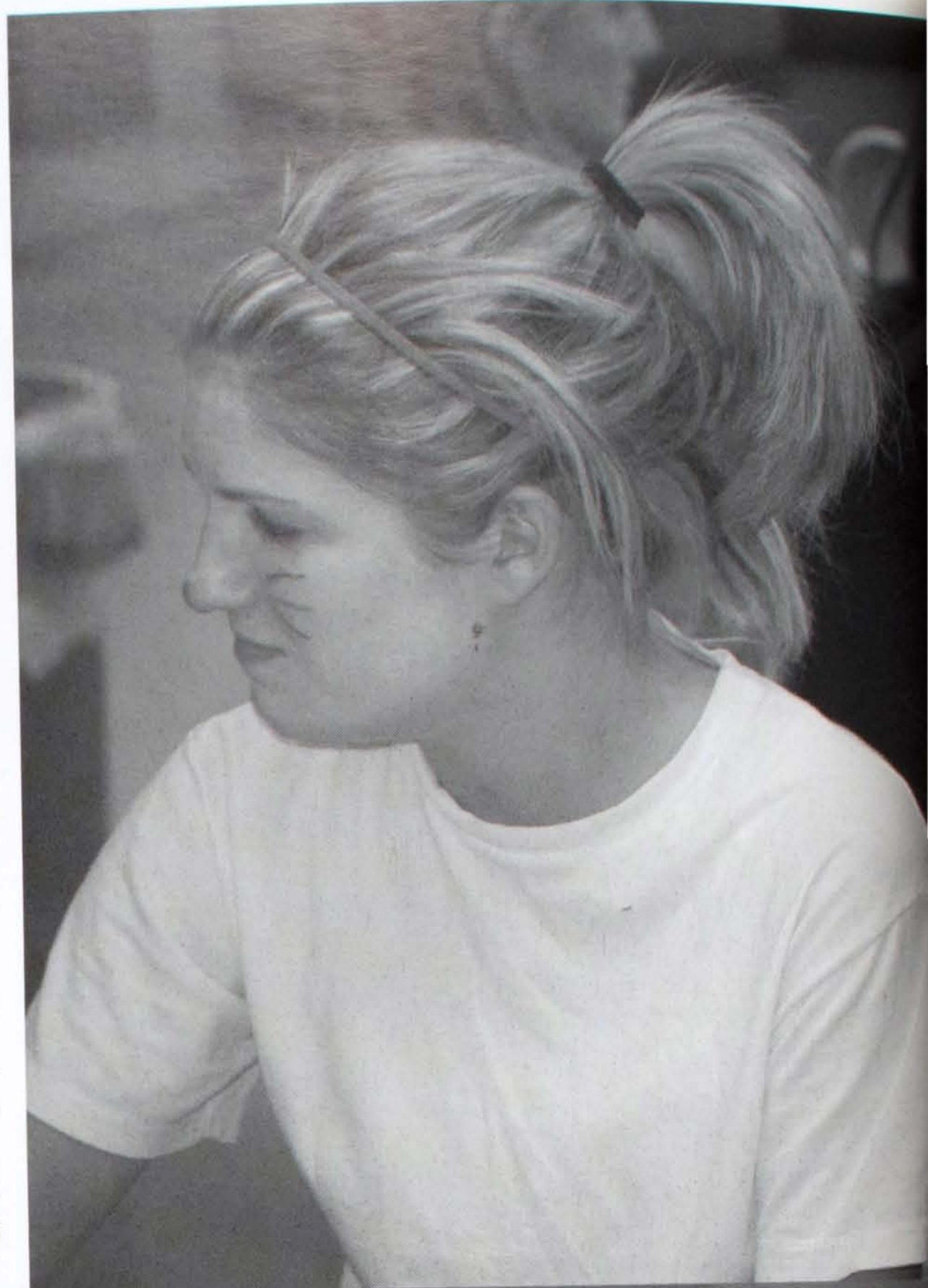
Students wore brown face paint with pink noses splattered on and a tail following behind them all day.

"The outfits were outrageous," sophomore Allie Maher said. "But it was well worth the 20 points."

Markert has been having the famous mole day for the past three years. It proves to be an entertaining day for all students.

By: Bridget McGuire

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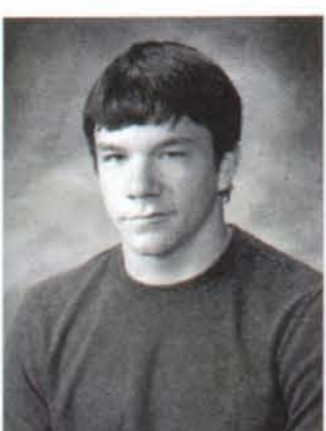
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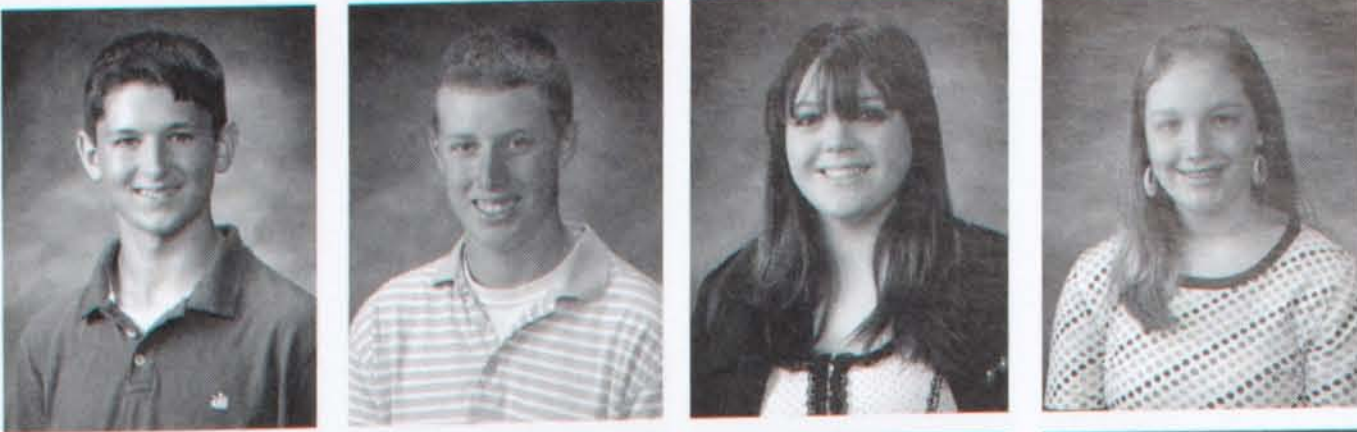


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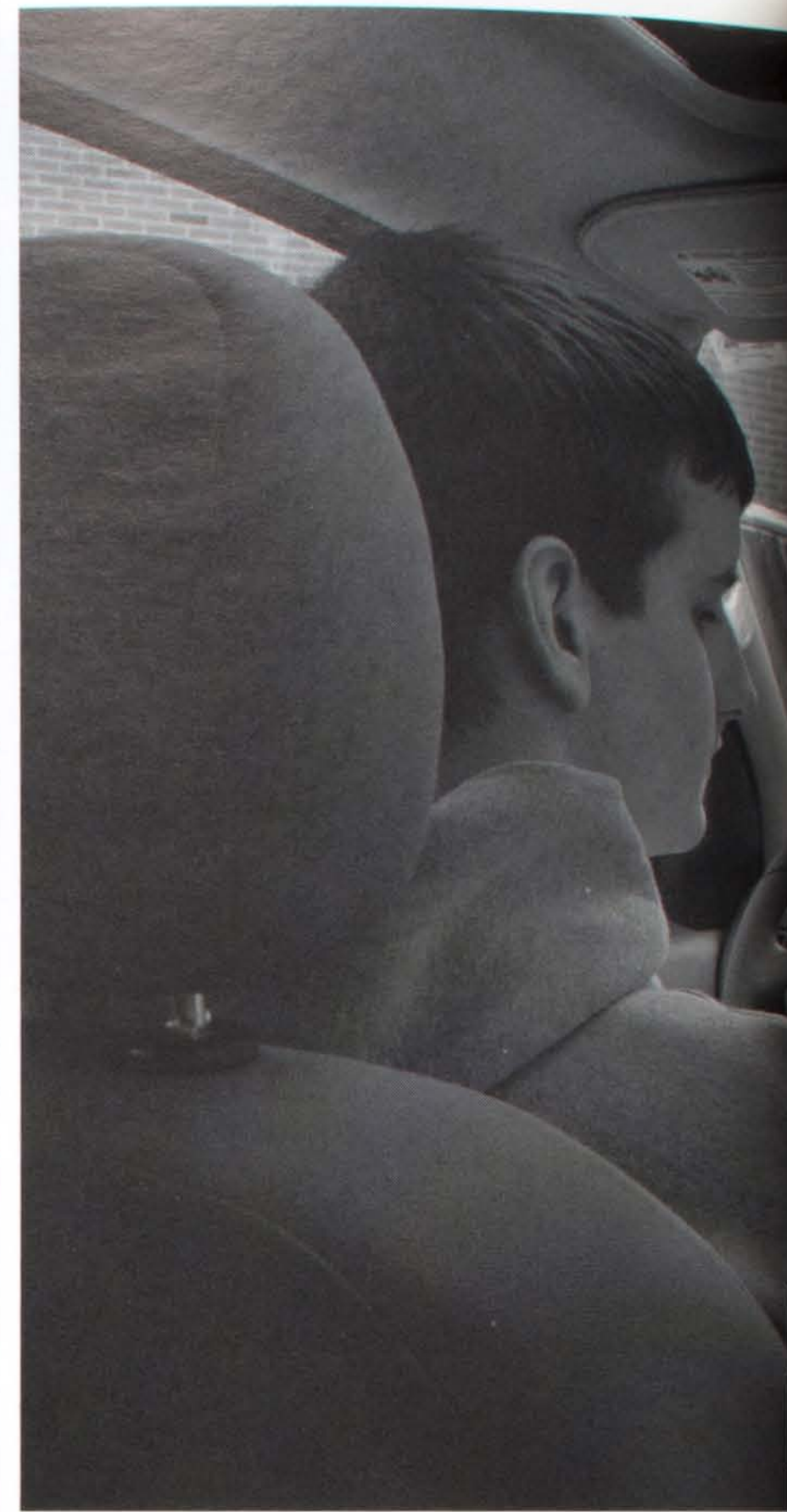
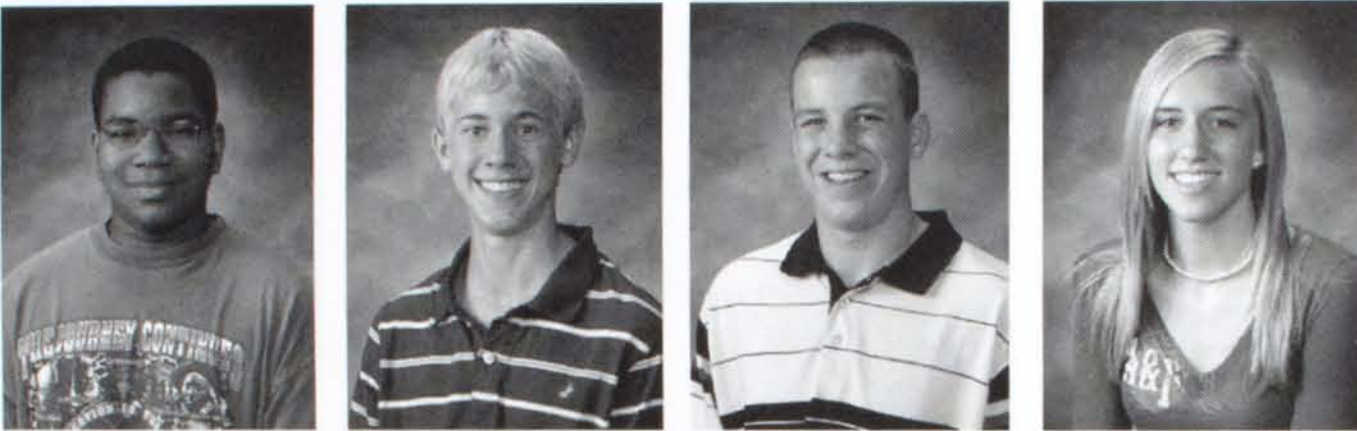
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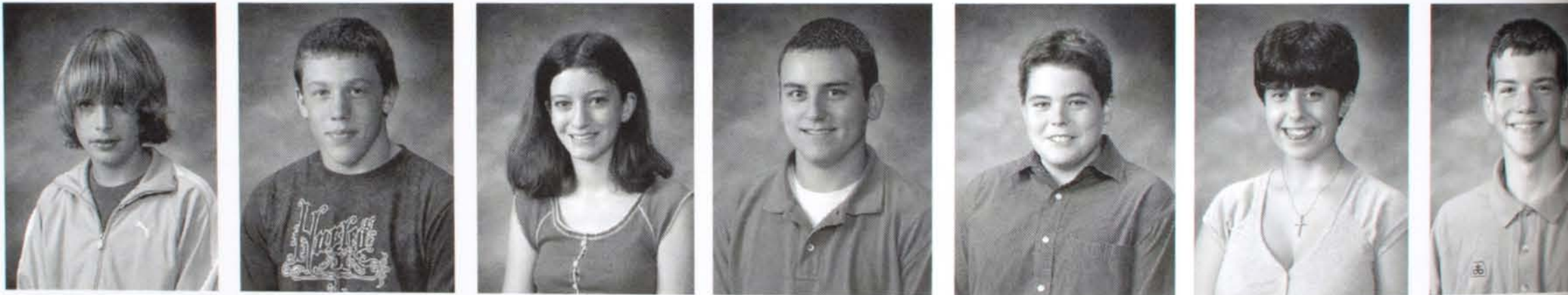
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Getting behind the wheel for the first time can be exciting and scary. This is the case for many students in the Driver's Ed class.

"I was very excited to get my permit and to get behind the wheel. I want to be able to get my license when I turn 16," sophomore Alexander Zaitzeff said.

Getting to drive for the first time can be very memorable.

"I remember the first time I got into the car and started driving with my parents. It was the most exciting time of my life," Zaitzeff said.

Driver's Ed teaches students to be responsible as well as what not to do while driving. This class could be considered the most important class ever taken because driving is a skill students will use the rest of their lives.

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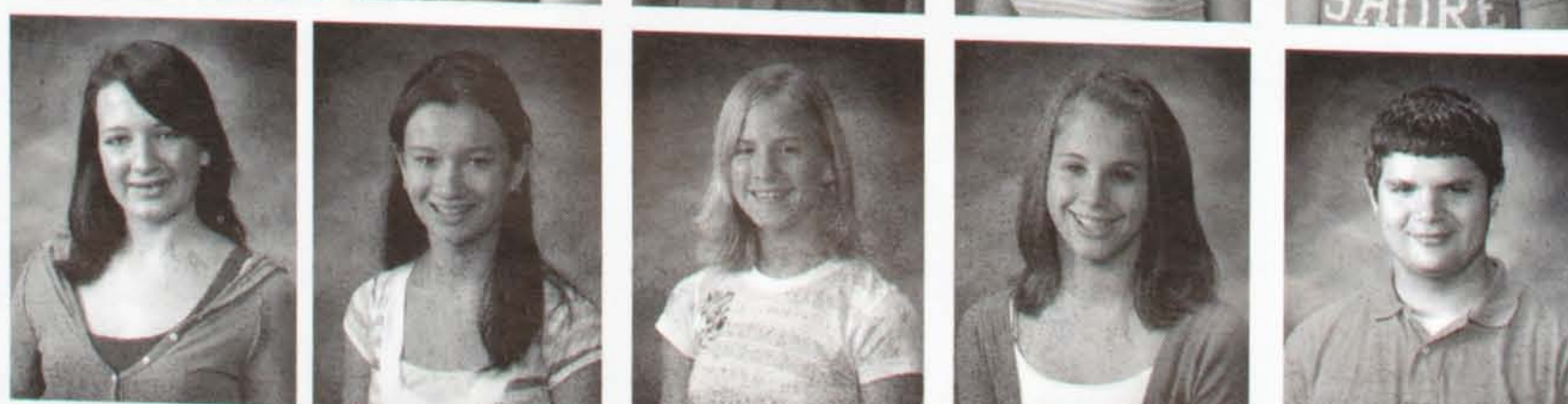
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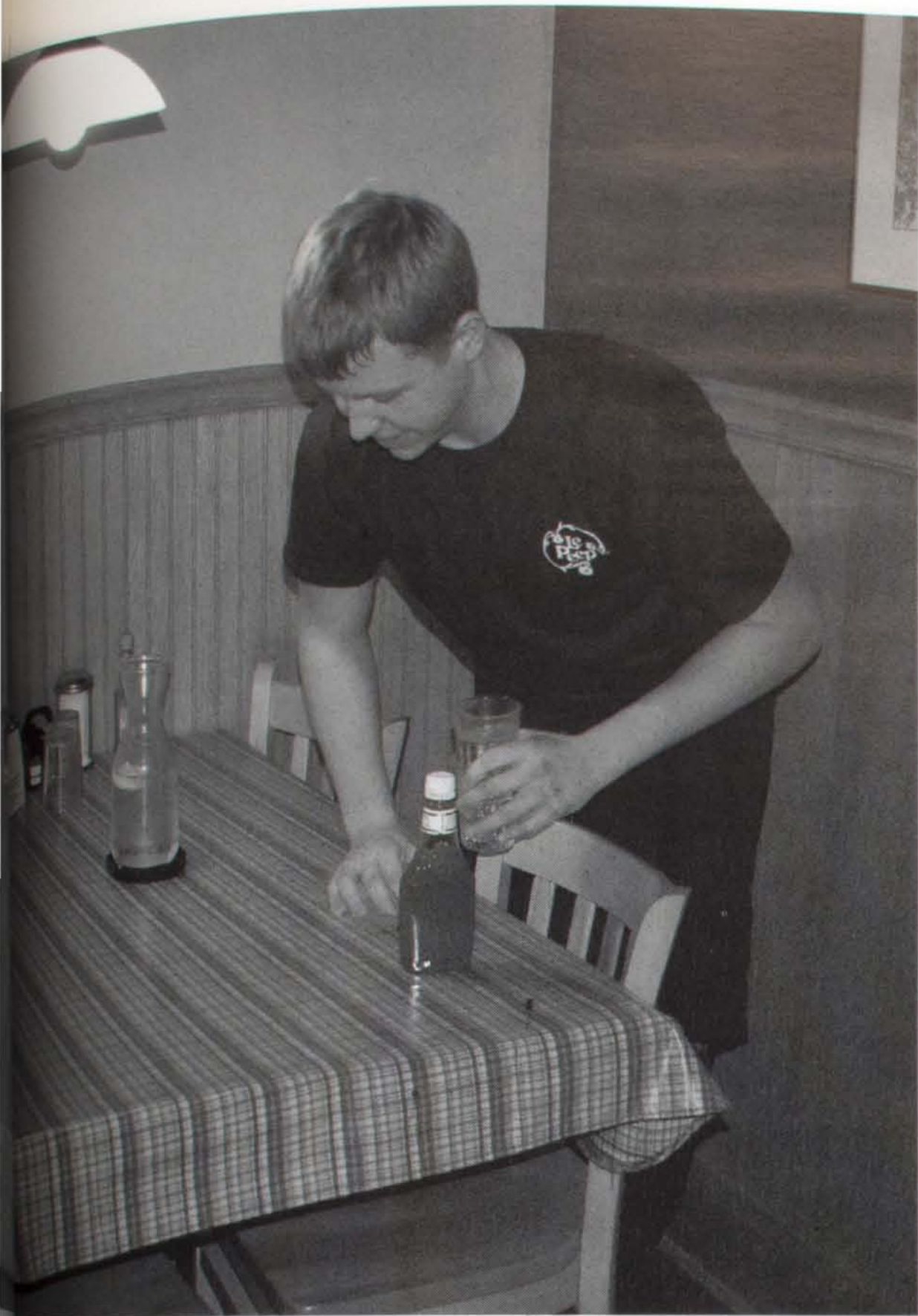


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By joining the workforce, sophomores are taught how the real world works.

Sophomore Merryl Clemons started to work because of the traveling she would be doing later in the year. She decided to work at Boo Boo's Doghouse, a fast food restaurant where her sister used to work.

"Since my dad was friends with them, he just called the guy and told him that I was looking for a job and we set up a time for an interview," Clemons said. "I started to work there a little after that."

Knowing the right people helps, sophomore Vince Kroll said. It was one of his friends that helped him get his job at the restaurant Le Peep.

It can be hard to balance a job with school, but Kroll says that with his manageable hours, completing assignments hasn't been a problem. He hasn't had to miss any of his basketball practices or games.

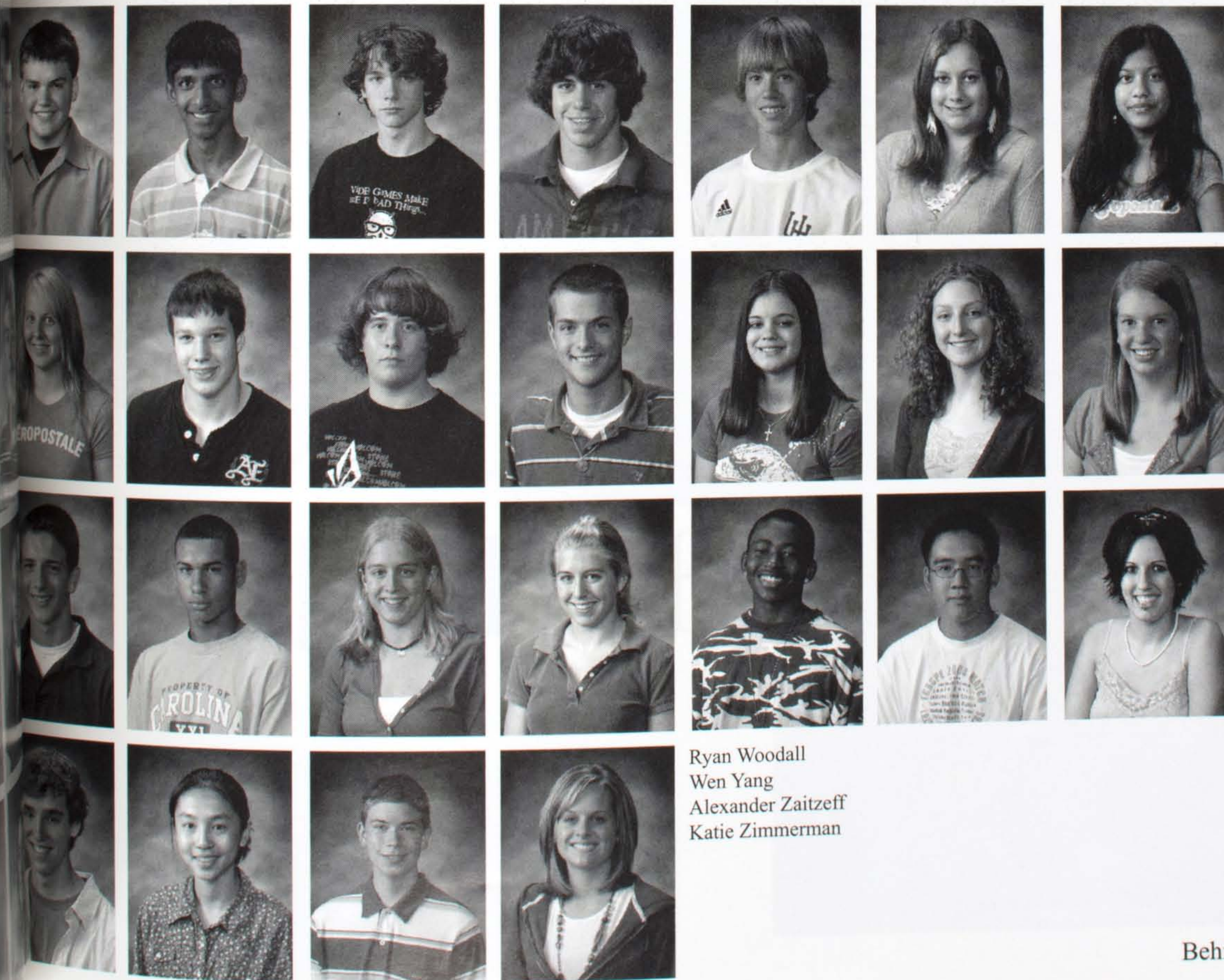
But work isn't always as flexible as needed, Clemons points out that with swimming practices everyday, she has to miss some to find time to work.

Overall, students feel that U-High does give enough consideration to students with jobs.

"They always notify you of events ahead of time," Kroll said.

By: Matt Shrier

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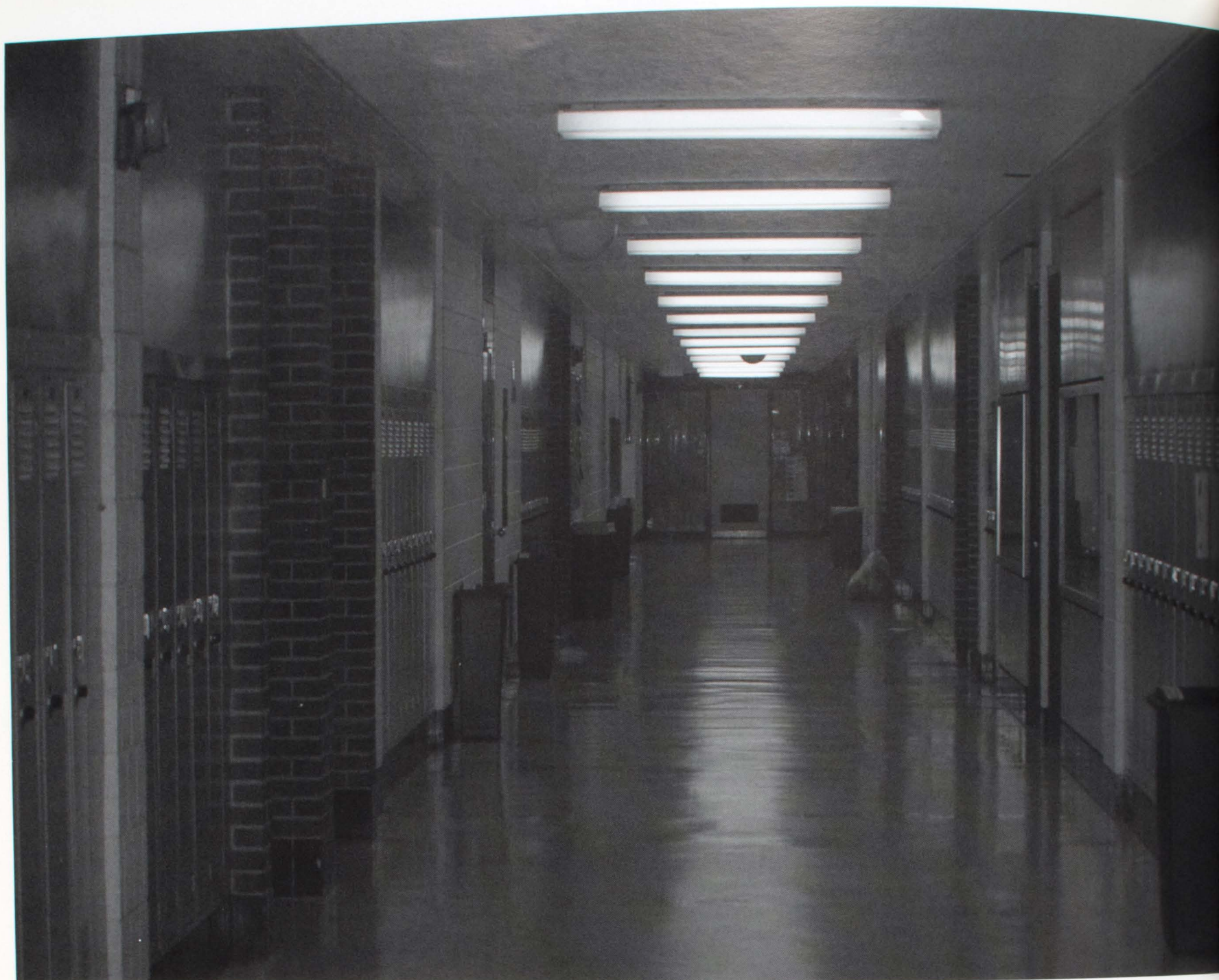


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THIRD FLOOR [FRESHMEN]

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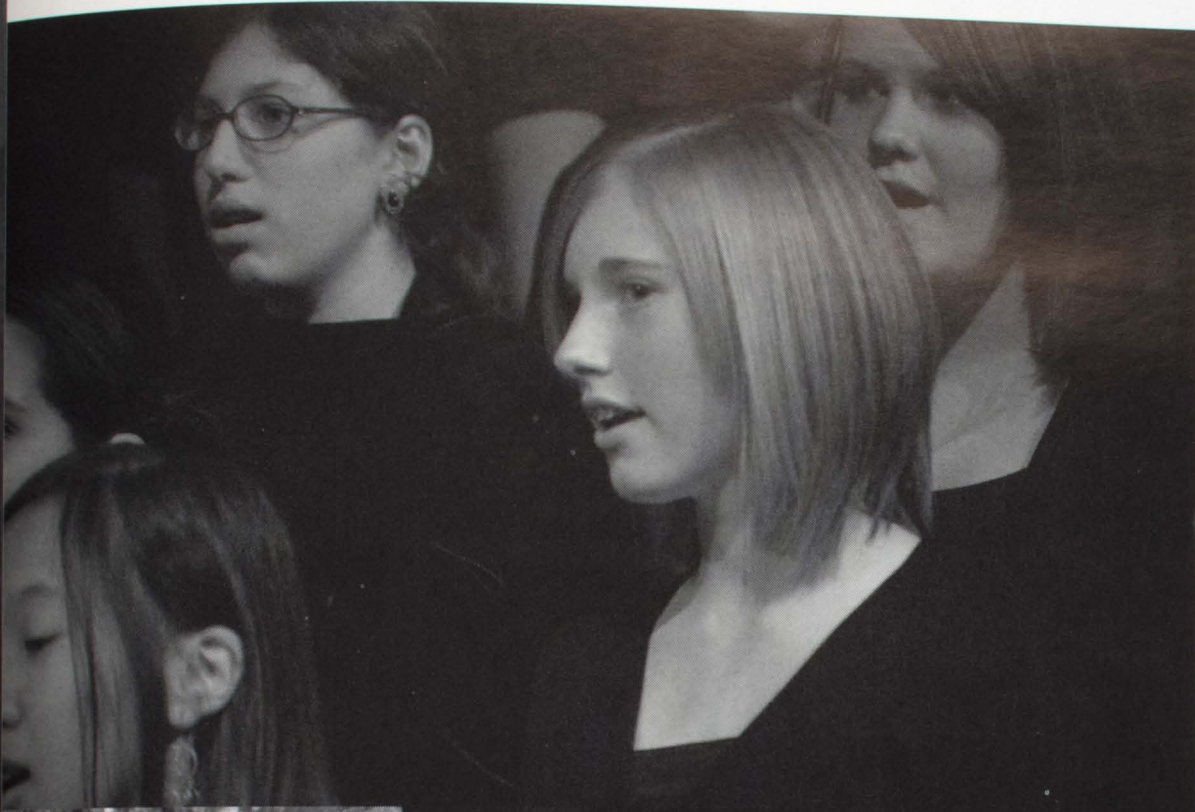


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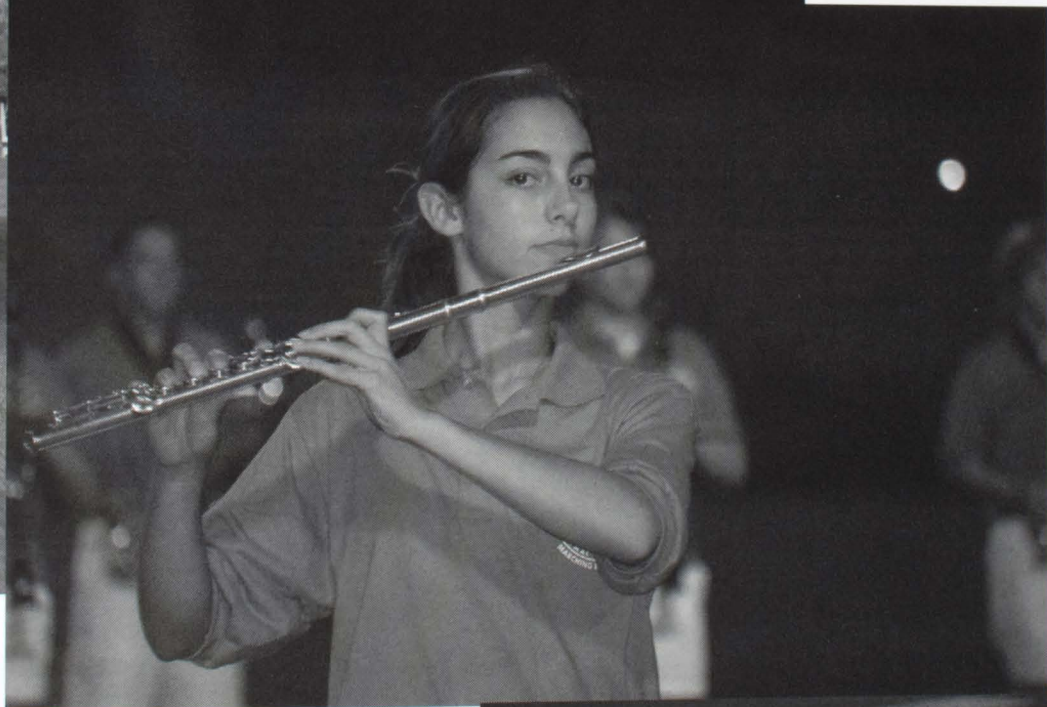
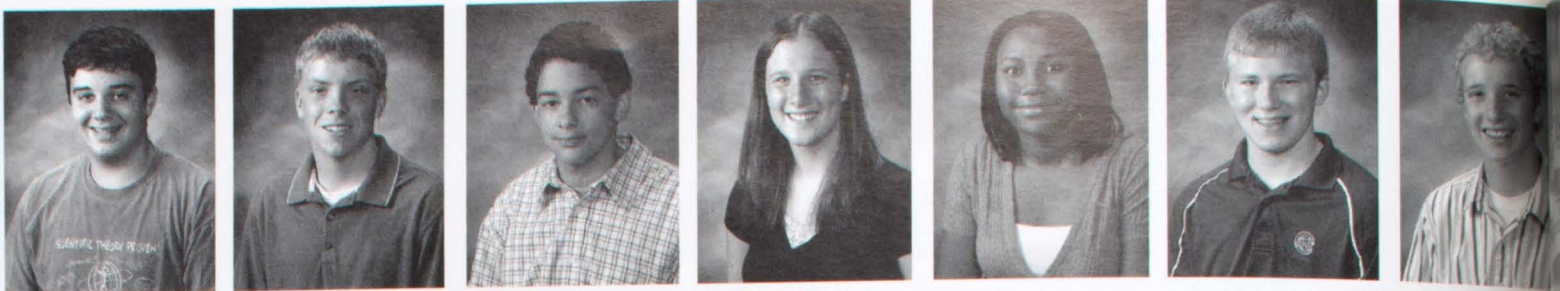


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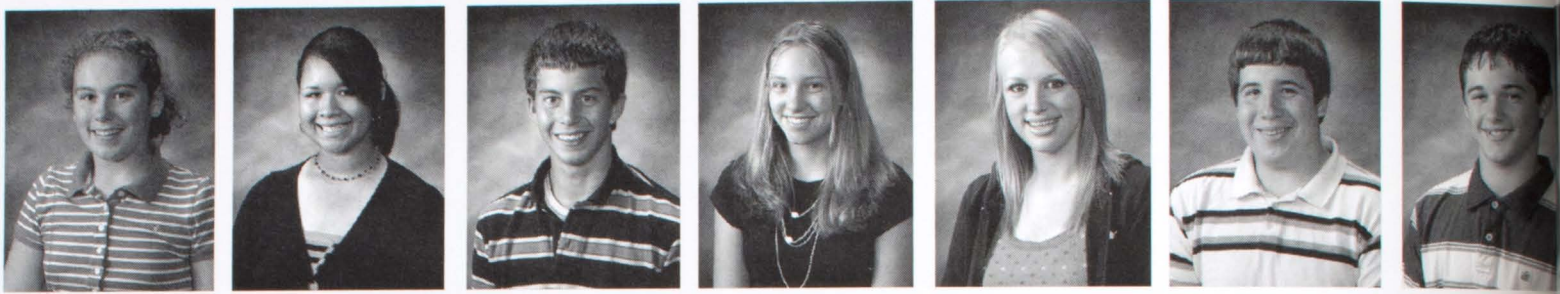
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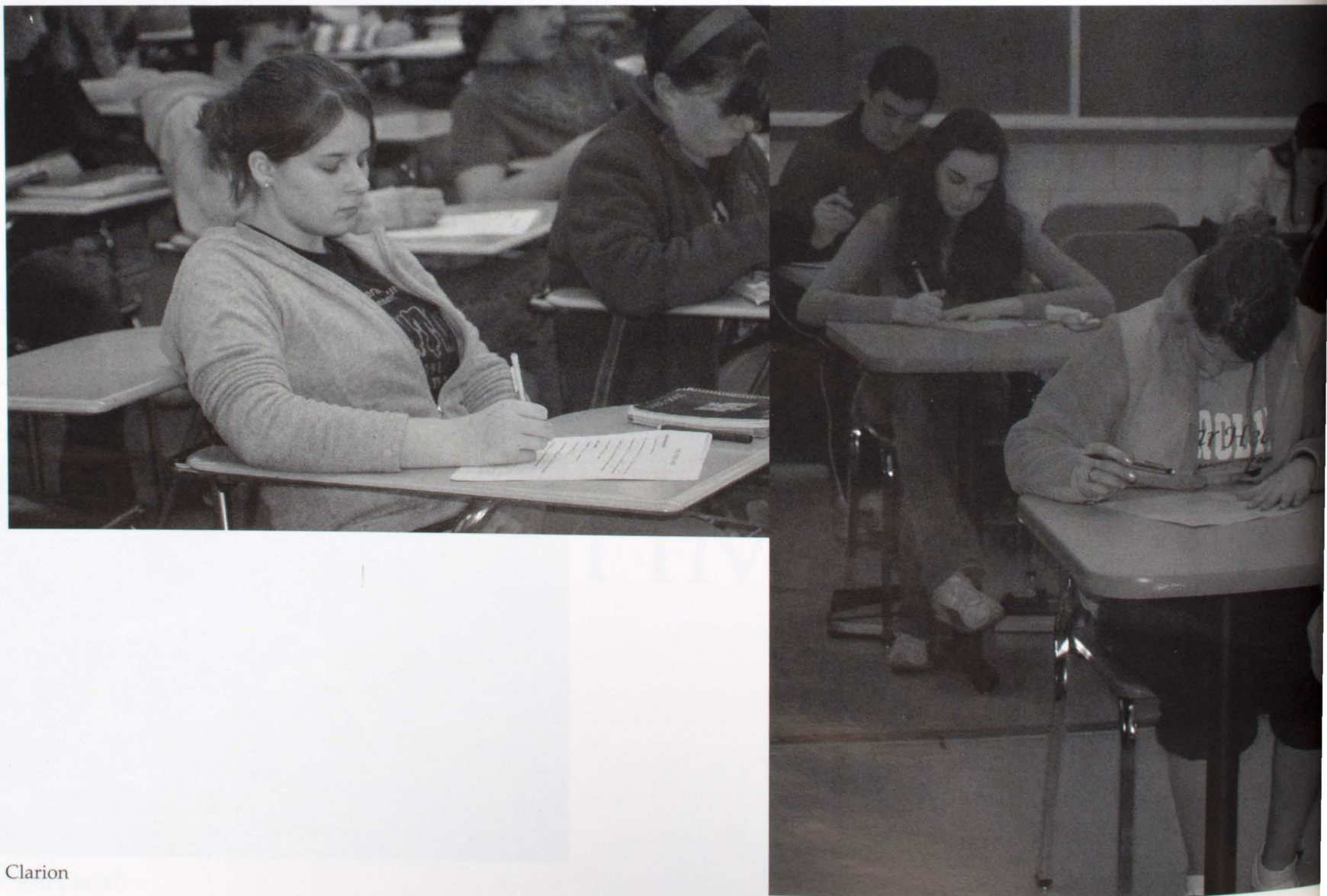
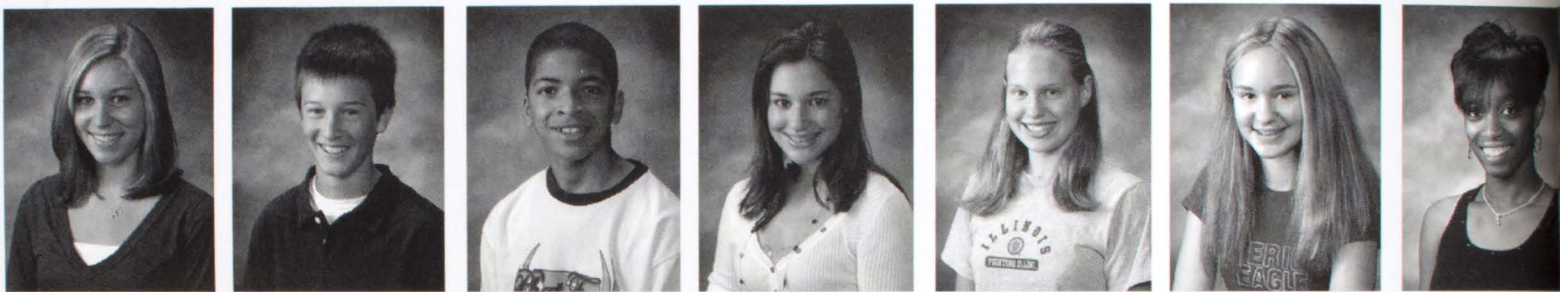
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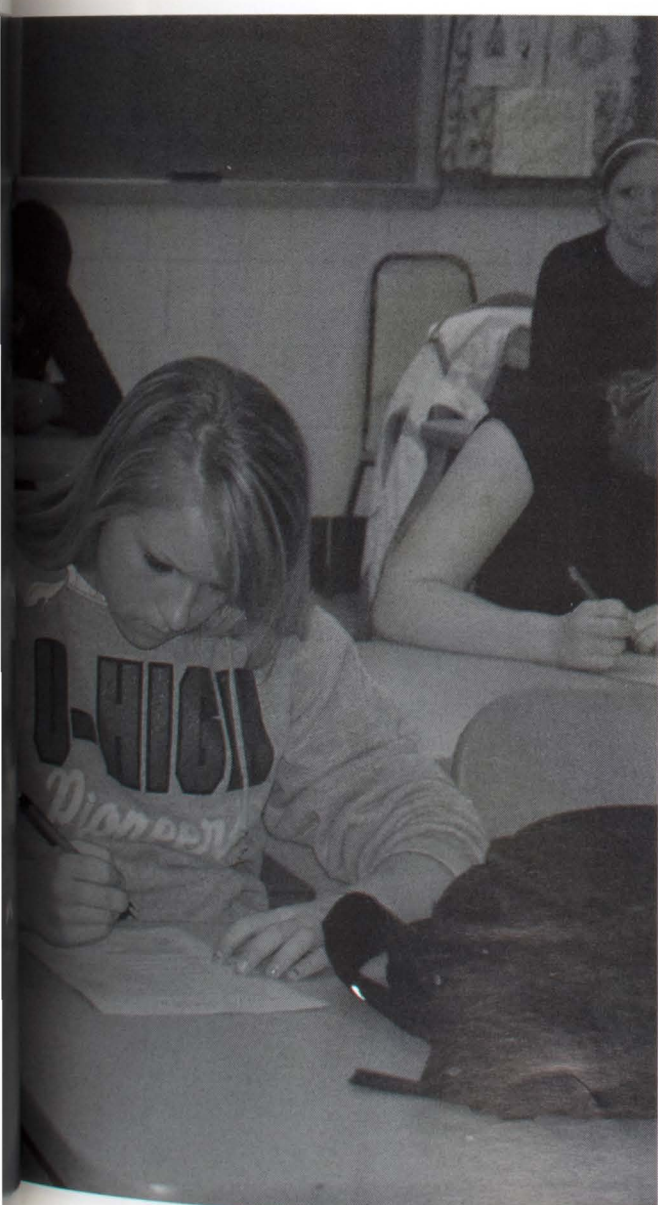


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While adjusting to freshman year is stressful enough, semester finals add even more pressure for first-year students.

"I'm really nervous to take the finals because I'm afraid that I'll completely blank out on stuff that I already know," freshman Alyssa Palmer said.

To help with the nerves, teachers are helping the students prepare for their first exams.

"Some of my teachers are giving us study guides and a couple days to study in class," freshman Jordan Steinbrueck said.

Although teachers are offering help, they understand the stress and pressure placed upon the students.

"Freshmen have no idea how much material that will be on their final exams and they will be very shocked if they waited until the last minute to review," teacher Char Lehen said.

With this in mind, freshmen are taking advantage of study groups, the learning center, and their class time to study.

"I'm on the edge with some of my grades so I'm using my free time to study because I can't really afford to blow them off," Palmer said.

Yet, various students who would rather wait until the last minute to skim through notes will come to realize it is not the best route to take.

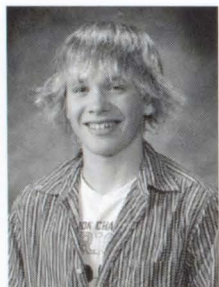
"Start early by gathering material from previous lessons and see how much you know so you can lay out what you need to study," Lehen said.

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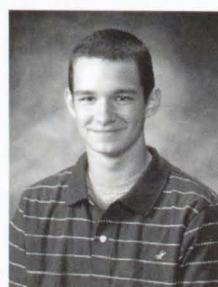
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The transition from junior high sports and activities to high school level is difficult for freshmen to deal with.

Freshmen, like dance team member Rachel Dauenbaugh find it challenging to live up to the competitiveness and experience of the upperclassmen.

"I felt inexperienced. The practices were longer, and I was more tired than I had ever been in junior high," Dauenbaugh said. "You have to work a lot harder to be good at what you do. There is more competition because the upperclassmen have more experience."

The challenge of participating in a high school sport or activity is tough, but the freshman have been able to step up.

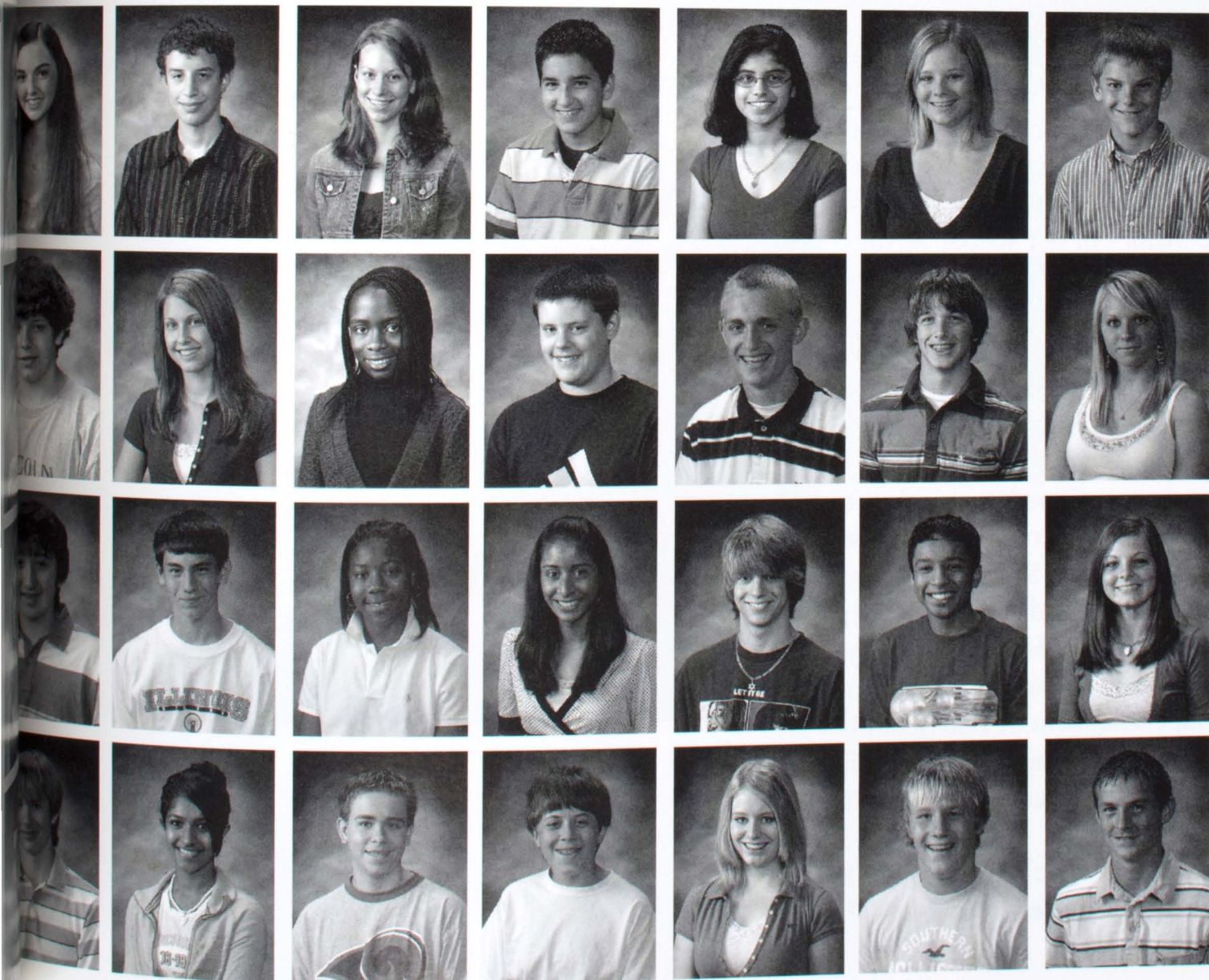
"It was overwhelming for the freshman at first because they had to learn so much so fast, but they worked really hard," senior dance team co-captain Cassie Hanson said.

Even though the high school level can be hard to adjust to, one of the main advantages is meeting new people and making new friends.

"Participating in dance was a good way for me to meet new people, especially since I didn't really know anyone at U-High," Dauenbaugh said.

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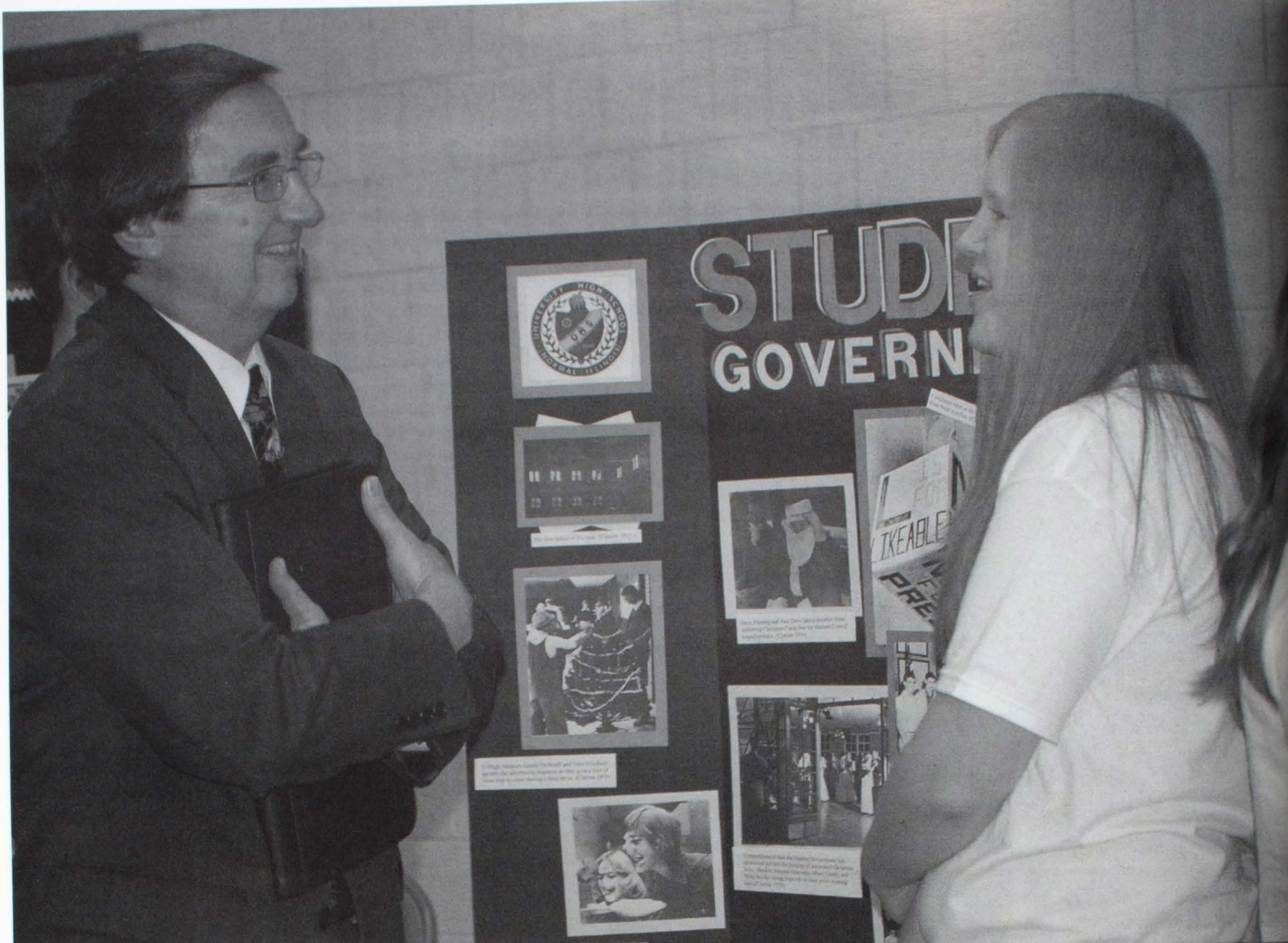


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Eric Robb



U-High closed in 1895, but there is no record as to why or when it reopened. Freshmen discovered all kinds of interesting facts about the history of our school, as they researched for their Sesquicentennial projects. "These projects were to honor the 150th anniversary of the University and lab schools and replaced the traditional Far Side of the World project," freshmen wellness teacher Debbie Hubbard said.

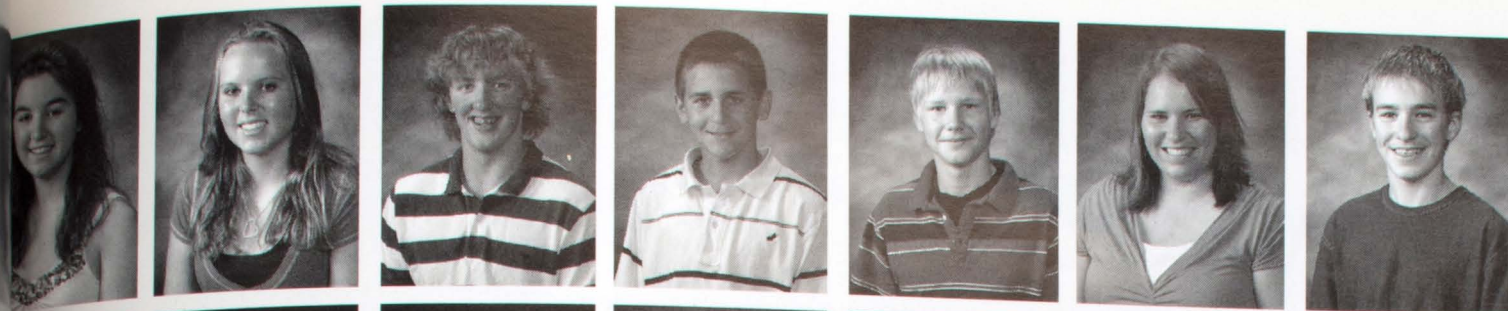
Topics were assigned, and included "Famous Alumni," "Curriculum," "Class Night," and "Athletics." Students were to write a research paper and design a poster board for display.

"This project helps all of us revisit our roots," Superintendent of Lab Schools Dr. Bob Dean said. "You can't find this stuff in books. It is woven into pieces of U-High's history."

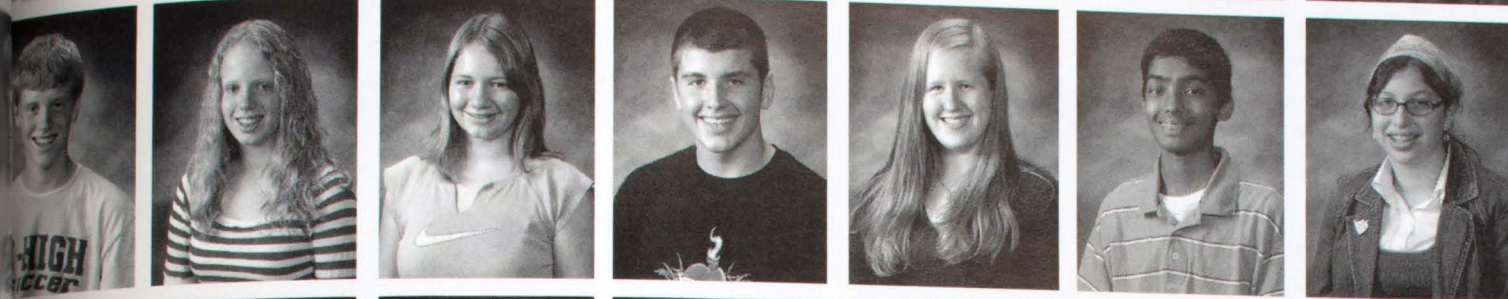
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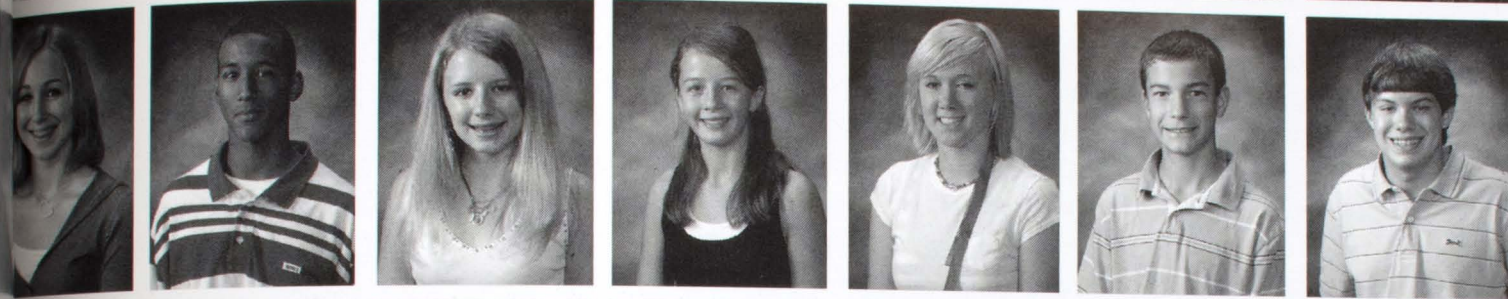




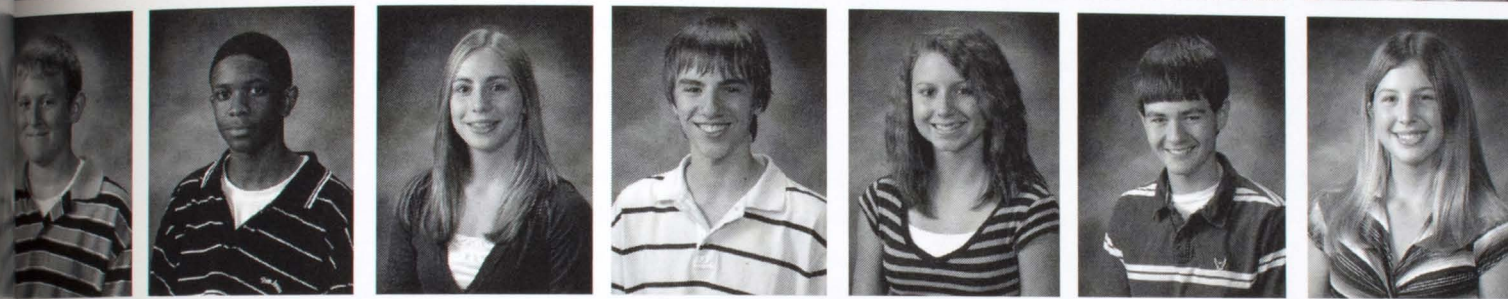
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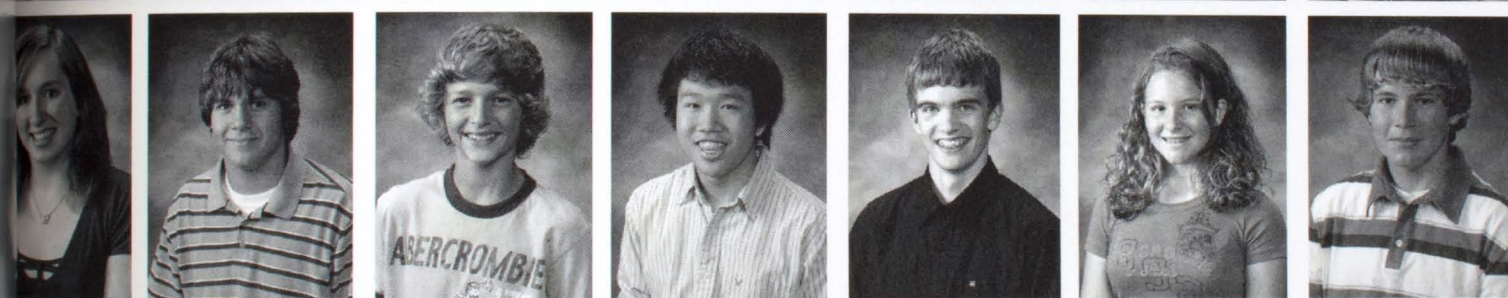
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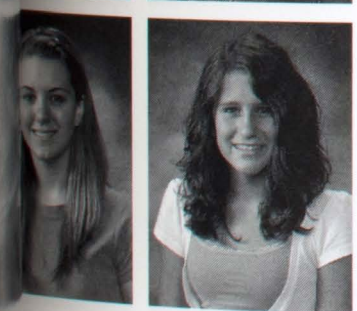
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TEACHER'S LOUNGE [FACULTY]

With 35 years of coaching at six different schools and six state tournament appearances, Coach Cal Hubbard is saying farewell to his career as head coach of the varsity boys basketball team.

"I just thought now was as best as any to leave. With boys basketball moving into a new era, I thought leaving the program would be suitable and my fire is smoldering. It's time for a new spark," Hubbard said.

Hubbard said he is looking forward to finally being able to have a Thanksgiving and a Christmas with his family. He is also anxious to have a summer of actual rest instead of getting summer camps and equipment ready.

Hubbard has had moral support from many different people including his fans, co-workers, players, and most importantly his family and wife.

"My wife has been through it all with me. If it wasn't for her I don't know if I would have lasted 35 years as a coach," Hubbard said.

Hubbard was a big supporter as a coach. He wanted everyone to achieve and do their best. He didn't care about the wins and losses.

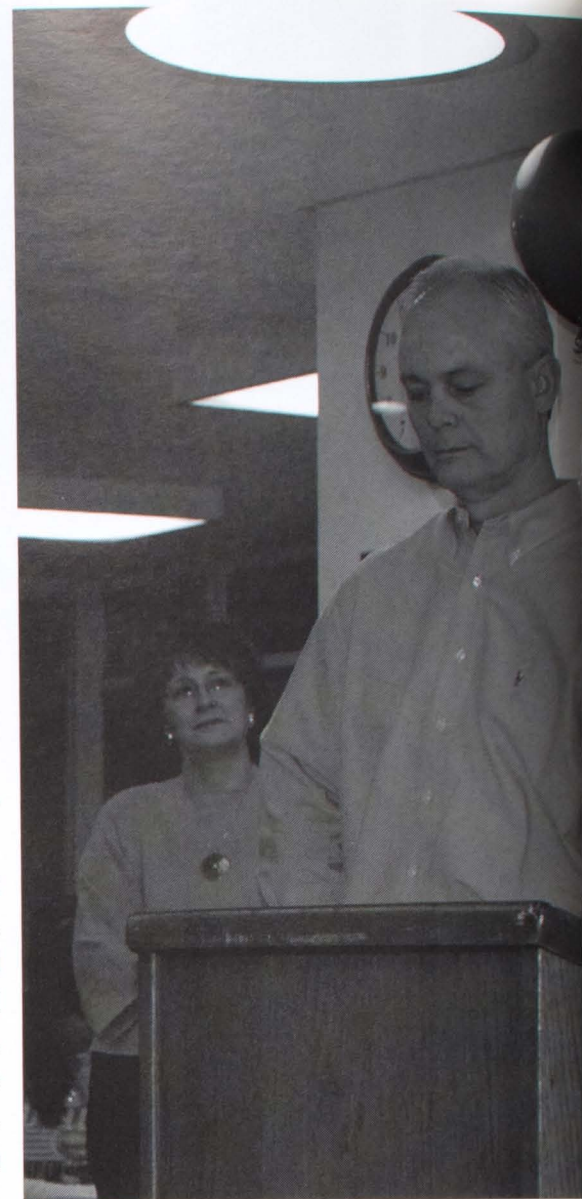
"He always tells us to play hard. He never cares if we win or lose even though winning is nice, but he just wants us to compete," senior Tyler Cook said.

While at U-High, Hubbard has had much success coaching with a 1995 boys basketball state championship and back to back girls golf state championships in 2005 and 2006. His hard work and determination will be missed.

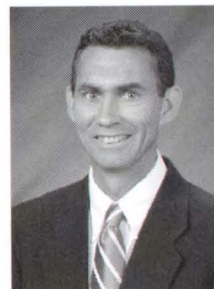
If Hubbard was to be remembered by anything he said he would like to be known for who he was as a person not just a coach.

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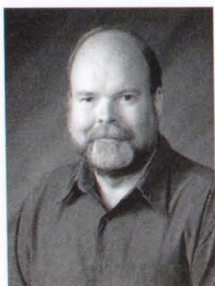
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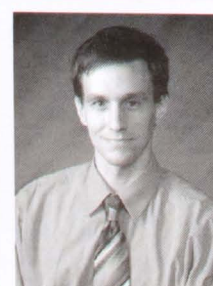
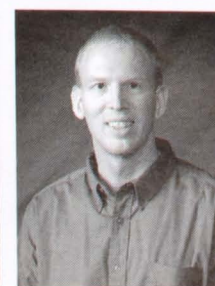
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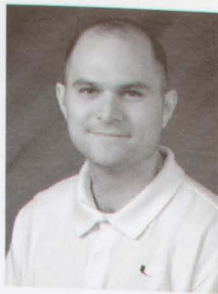


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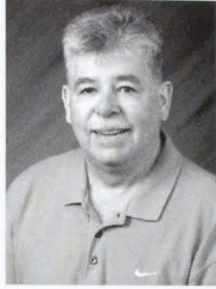
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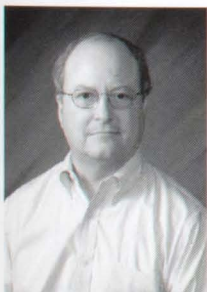
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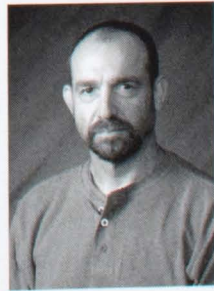
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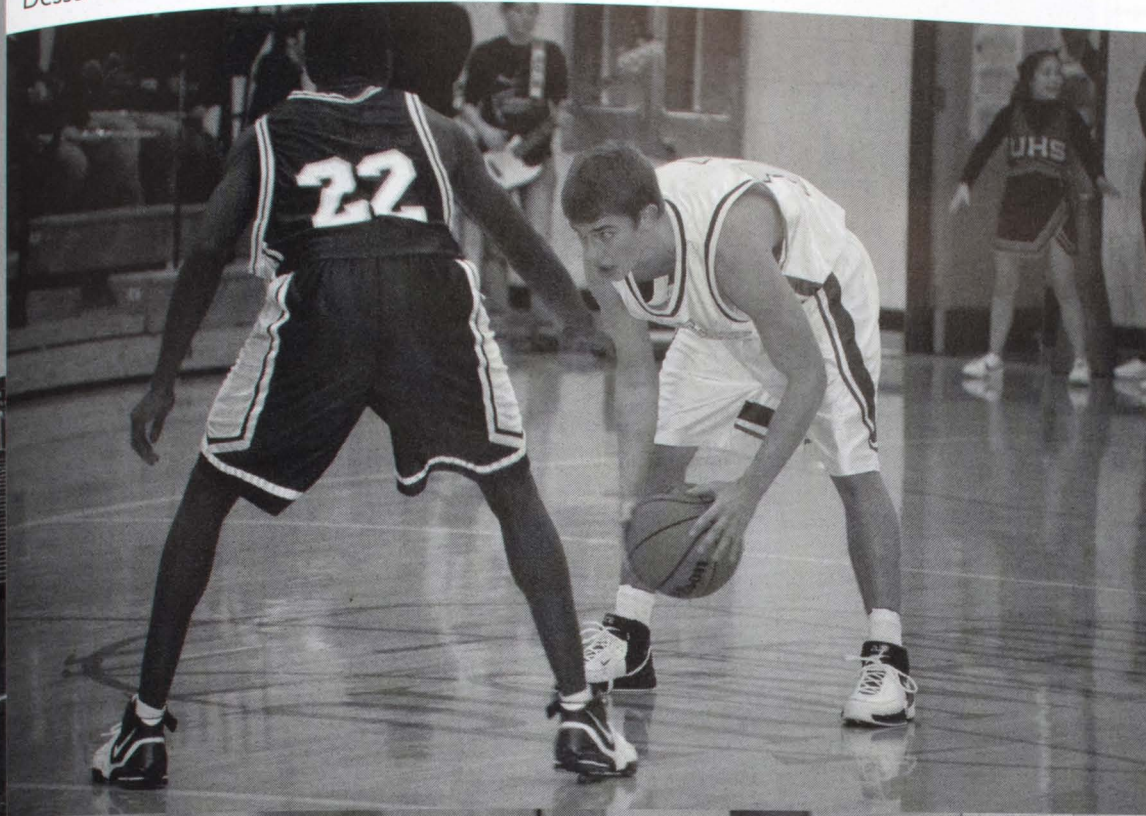
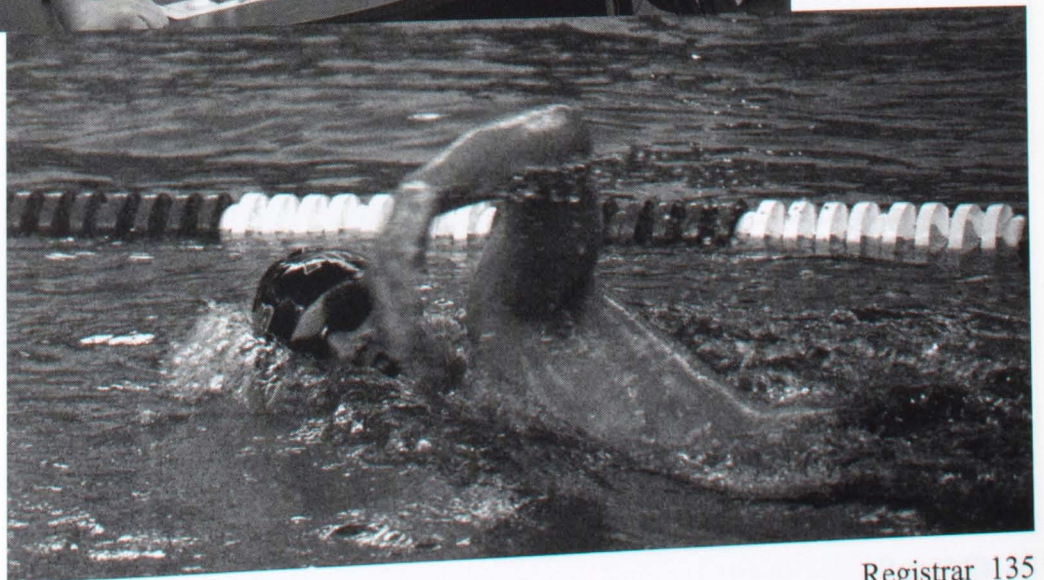


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BOYS GOLF

Date	Team	Result
8/17/06	BHS Tournament	1st
8/19/06	Macomb Invite	1st
8/24/06	BHS/Notre Dame/ ElPaso	1st
8/25/06	Monmouth	1st
8/26/06	Monmouth Invite	1st
8/28/06	Assumption Invite	1st
8/31/06	BCC/ Mahomet/Pontiac	1st
9/1/06	Danville	2nd
9/6/06	BHS/Lincoln	1st
9/9/06	Metamora	1st
9/14/06	Livingston County Invite	1st
9/16/06	Havana Invite	1st
9/19/06	Pekin Invite	1st
9/21/06	Intercity	1st
9/23/06	BCC/Mahomet	1st
9/25/06	Central Catholic	1st
9/30/06	Olympia/Rochester	1st
10/3/06	Conference	1st
10/9/06	Regionals	1st
10/10/06	Sectionals	1st
10/13/06-10/14/06	State	1st



Front Row: Brian Sparks, Kieran Pereira, Sean Dozier, Peter McKinzie, Jack Capodice, Eric Meier, Matt May **Second Row:** Tim Glover, Ben Kilborn, Ryan Doubet, Drew Molitor, Jason Gendron, Ryan Alsman **Third Row:** Coach Morris, Coach Snell, Michael Fritz, Daniel Vazquez, Dusty Koth, Coach Romance, Andy McNeely, Kyle English, William Cullen, Coach Cullen, Coach Morris

Individual Accomplishments: William Cullen 2nd Place in State , MVP and Captain; Dusty Koth 9th Place in State and Captain; Sean Dozier Sportsmanship Award; Jason Gendron Most Improved

GIRLS GOLF

Date	Team	Results
8/18/06	BHS Invite	1st
8/19/06	Alton Marquette	1st
8/24/06	BHS/ NCWHS	1st
8/28/06	Pekin	1st
8/30/06	Central/ Pontiac	1st
9/1/06-9/2/06	Cleveland Invite	1st
9/7/06	Intercity	1st
9/9/06	NCHS Invite	1st
9/14/06	Livingston Invite	1st
9/18/06	Pontiac/ Mahomet/Prarie Central	1st
9/19/06	Galesburg/Notre Dame	1st
9/23/06	Pekin Invite	1st
9/25/06	Morton/ Metamora	1st
9/30/06	Cornebelt Conference	1st
10/4/06	Regionals	1st
10/10/06	Sectionals	1st
10/14/06	State	1st



Front Row: Coach Hubbard, Janelle Galloway, Cheryl Liang, Christine Liang, Erica Woodall, Chelsea Harris, Kaitlyn Wampler, Jenna Wampler, Coach Gault

Individual Accomplishments: Kaitlyn Wampler 5th Place in State and MVP; Christine Liang Captain; Erica Woodall Captain; Cheryl Liang 7th Place in State

VARSITY FOOTBALL



Date	Team	Results
8/25/06	Olympia	Win
8/31/06	Central Catholic	Loss
9/8/06	Rochester	Loss
9/15/06	Pontiac	Loss
9/22/06	Prarie Central	Loss
9/29/06	Sherrad	Win
10/6/06	Rantoul	Loss
10/13/06	Eureka	Win
10/20/06	Mahomet	Loss

Front Row: Rich Shepard, Tom Donnan, Michael Elliott, Joe Waropay, Max Hayden, Tom Donovan, Zach Alvis, Jake Todino, Jake Augspurger **Second Row:** Coach Troll, Coach Burk, Coach Evans, Ryan Lehner, Keith Graden, Caleb Katz, Will Brucker, Coach Olson, Ely Dopson, Vince Chiodo, Cory Olsen, Deonte Van Hook, Coach Harris, Coach Miller, Coach Allen **Third Row:** Michael Dopson, Nick Kauffman, Jake Shepard, Connor Galloway, Tyler Cook, Luke Harbers, Trevor Rappa, Ben Hall, Jim Kraewski, Brad Rowatt, Matt Skibo, Zach Zentner **Fourth Row:** Coach Pedersen, Coach Fanning, Coach Monninger, Paul Beckman, Dillon Sloneker, Max Chambers, David Johnson, Scott Blair, Vinny Melchiorri, Joe Anhalt, Coach Kashner, Coach Adams

Individual Accomplishments: Tyler Cook *Sportsmanship Award, Captain, and MVP*; David Johnson *Offensive MVP*; Zach Zentner *Defensive MVP*; Jake Shepard *Outstanding Lineman Award and Captain*; Connor Galloway *Special Teams Award*; Ely Dopson *Coaches' Award*; Joe Anhalt *Coaches' Award*; Tom Donnan *H.E.A.T. Award*; Joe Waropay *Captain*; Trevor Rappa *Captain*

JV FOOTBALL

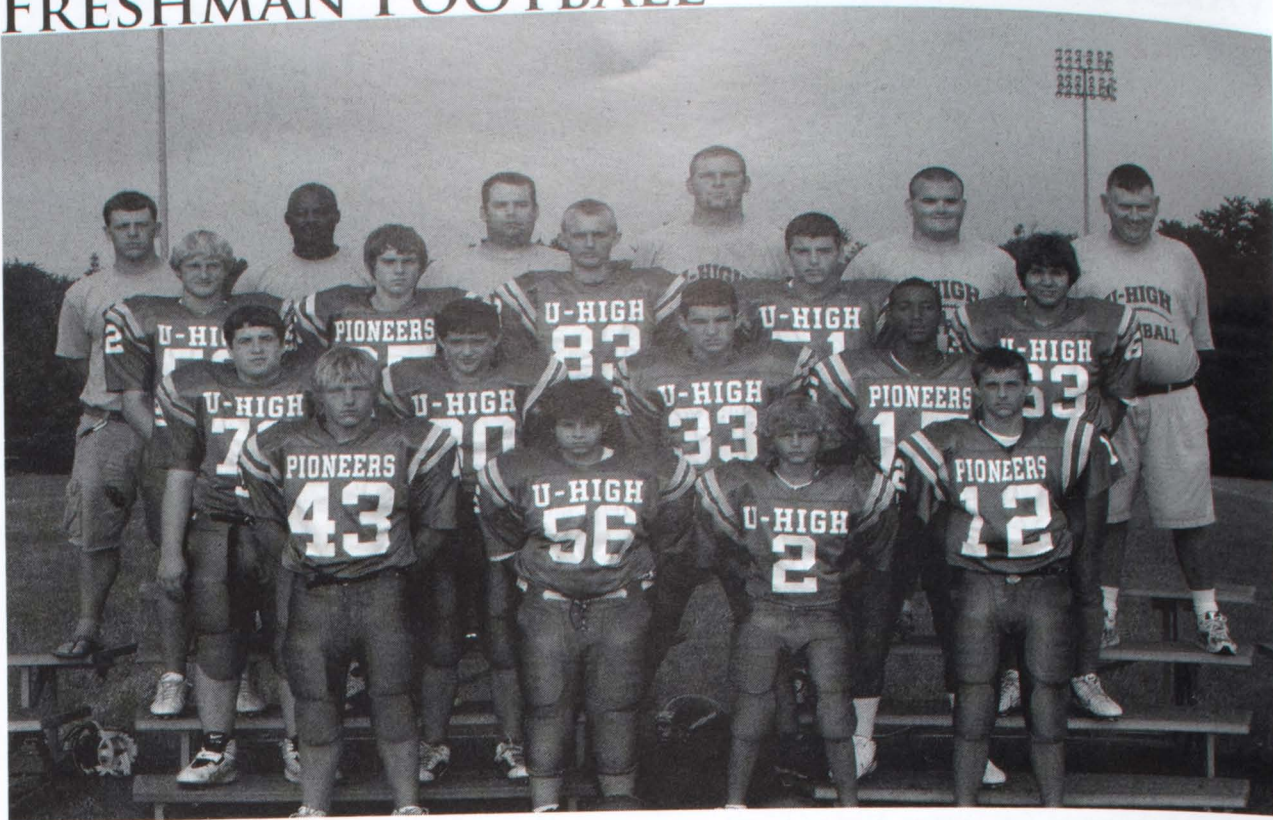


Date	Team	Results
8/28/06	Olympia	Loss
9/3/06	Central Catholic	Loss
10/9/06	Rantoul	Win
10/16/06	Eureka	Win

Front Row: Michael Elliott, Chris Campos, Gray Nalefski, Drew Todino, Eric Robb, Tom Donovan **Second Row:** Keith Graden, Deonte Van Hook, Craig Zich, Colby Carr, Pat Kelso, TJ Smith, Ryan Lehner **Third Row:** Michael Galvan, Max Hayden, Kevin Wilkinson, Austin Nord, Nathan Schweitzer, Jake Thacker, Mike Dopson **Fourth Row:** Jake Todino, Luke Harbers, Dillon Sloneker, Paul Beckman, Nick Kauffman, Rich Shepard **Fifth Row:** Coach Pederson, Coach Harris, Coach Allen, Coach Burk, Coach Evans, Coach Kashner, Coach Fanning, Coach Adams

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Date	Team	Results
8/25/06	Olympia	Win
8/31/06	Central Catholic	Tie
9/8/06	Rochester	Loss
9/15/06	Pontiac	Loss
9/29/06	Sherrard	Loss
10/6/06	Rantoul	Win
10/13/06	Eureka	Win
10/20/06	Mahomet	Loss



Front Row: Craig Rich, Gary Nalefski, Drew Todino, Eric Robb **Second Row:** Chris Campos, Colby Carr, Pat Kelso, T.J. Smith **Third Row:** Michael Galvan, Kevin Wilkinson, Austin Nord, Nathan Schweitzer, Jake Thacker **Fourth Row:** Coach Peterson, Coach Allen, Coach Kashner, Coach Fanning

GIRLS TENNIS

Date	Team	Results
8/25/06-8/26/06	Springfield Tournament	6th
8/29/06	Peoria Notre Dame	Loss
8/31/06	NCWHS	Win
9/2/06	Springfield Griffin Tournament	6th
9/7/06	Peoria Woodruff	Win
9/9/06	BHS Invite	7th
9/12/06	Pontiac	Win
9/15/06-9/16/06	BHS Invite	7th
9/20/06	St. Teresa	Win
9/29/06-9/30/06	BHS Invite	9th
10/3/06	Rantoul	Win
10/5/06	Central Catholic	Win
10/14/06	Sectional	3rd



Front Row: Leah Lancaster, Sheena Bhayana, XiXi Tian, Lindsey Butorac, Amanda Lawler, Hong Nan **Second Row:** Jessica Byerly, Laura Smith, Madhuri Paravastu, Hayley Harroun, Catherine Butts, Mounika Paravastu **Third Row:** Jenny Crow, Delphine Roberti, Emily Stevens, Coach Runyan, Kristin Walker, Kathleen Johnson, Annie Nord
Individual Accomplishments: Catherine Butts *State Qualifier, Captain, and MVP*; Annie Nord *Sportsmanship Award*; Emily Stevens *Captain*

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER



Front Row: Blair Smith, Peter Schiller, John Munson, Mike O'Malley, Reid Butts, Sean Comerford **Second Row:** Matt Mendez, Josh Rule, Eugene Schiller III, Mitch Rogers, Zach Wall **Third Row:** Coach Fritzen, Cole Wardlow, Bryant Carlson, Connor Galloway, Clint Vatterrodt, Adam Standard, Sean O'Malley, Cameron Warner, Jairon Crosson, Coach Stanton
Individual Accomplishments: Josh Rule *MVP*; Sean O'Malley *Captain*; Adam Standard *Captain*; Matt Mendez *Sportsmanship Award*

Date	Team	Results
8/30/06	BHS	Win
8/31/06	NCHS	Tie
9/2/06	NCWHS	Win
9/2/06	CCHS	Win
9/5/06	Richwoods	Win
9/13/06	Champaign Centennial	Tie
9/15/06	Quincy Senior	Loss
9/16/06	Quincy Notre Dame	Win
9/19/06	Springfield	Win
9/23/06	East Moline	Win
9/25/06	Champaign Central	Tie
9/27/06	Gibault	Loss
9/29/06	Rock Island	Win
9/30/06	Genesco	Win
9/30/06	Moline	Win
10/3/06	Morton	Win
10/5/06	Peoria Notre Dame	Tie
10/7/06	Mahomet	Win
10/11/06	Springfield-Griffin	Win
10/26/06	Sectional	Win
10/30/06	Supersectional	Loss

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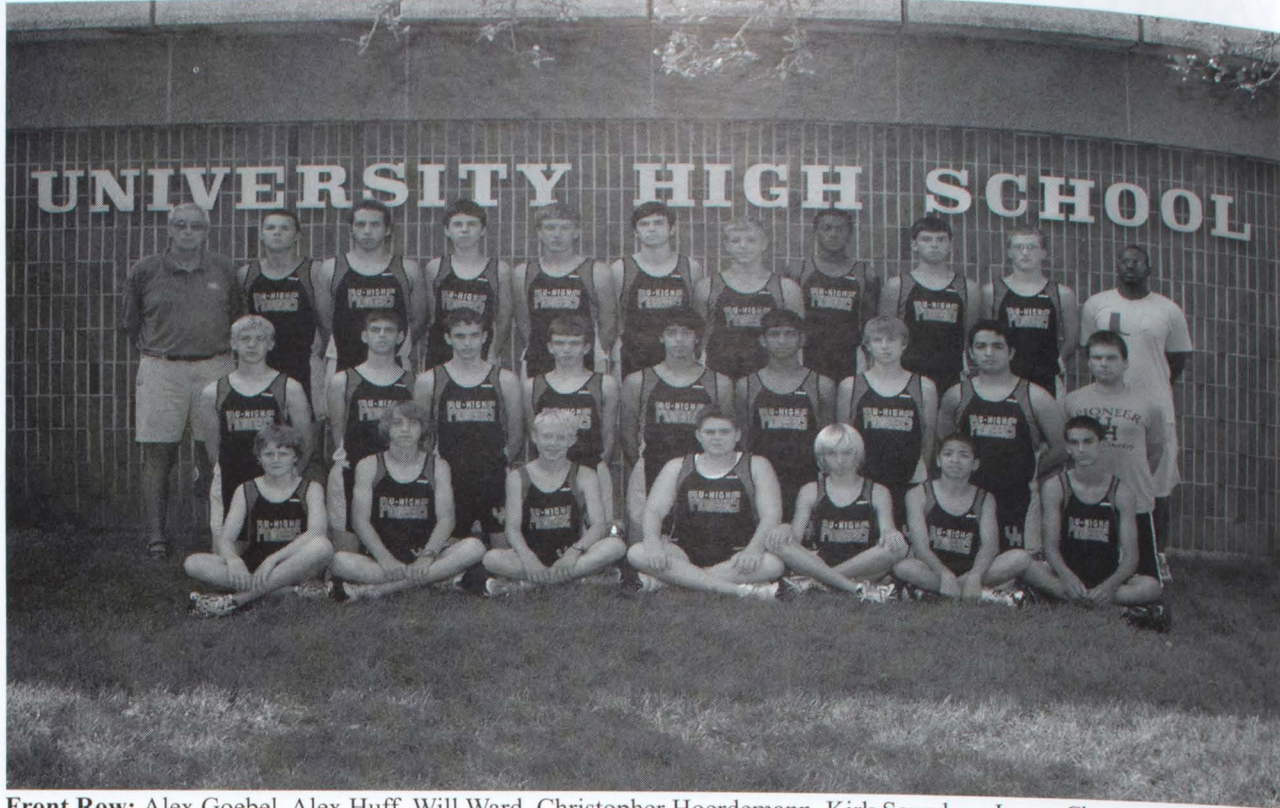


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Date	Team	Results
9/13/06	Champaign	Win
9/15/06	Quincy Senior	Loss
9/16/06	Quincy Notre Dame	Loss
9/19/06	Springfield	Win
9/23/06	East Moline	Loss
9/25/06	Champaign Central	Loss
9/27/06	Olympia	Win
10/3/06	Morton	Win
10/5/06	Peoria Notre Dame	Loss
10/7/06	Mahomet	Win

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Team	Results
8/29/06	Tremont/Delavan/MC	1st
9/9/06	Woodruff Invite	37th
9/12/06	Mahomet/ Prairie Central	1st
9/16/06	Notre Dame Invite	No Score
9/19/06	Intercity	3rd
9/23/06	East Peoria Invite	8th
9/28/06	Olympia F/S	1st
10/3/06	U-High Invite	3rd
10/7/06	Mahomet	3rd
10/14/06	Conference	2nd
10/21/06	Regional	3rd
10/23/06	NCHS Invite	No Scores
10/28/06	Sectional	14th

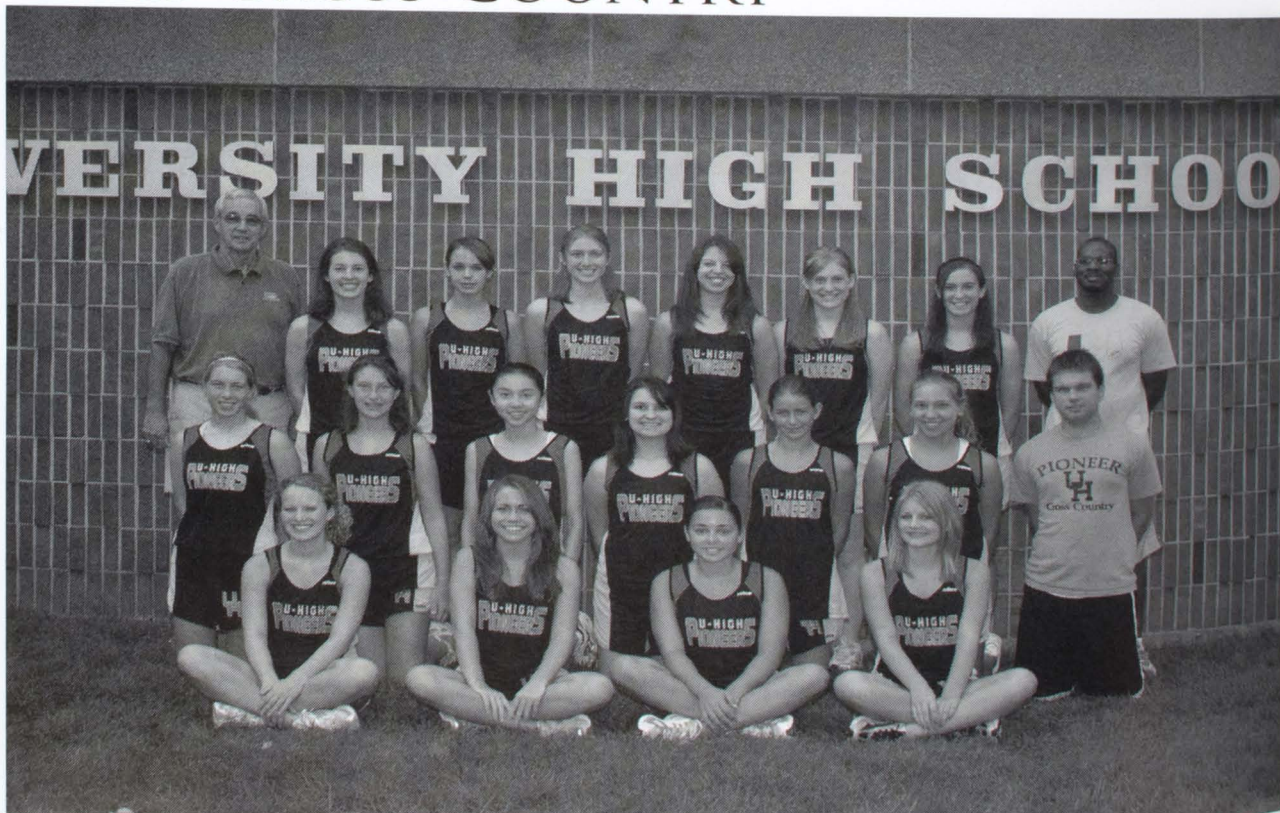


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Second Row: Rob Hanson, Jeff McKinzie, Josiah Husk, Ian Walling, Taiyo Wilson, Munan Singhal, Jacob Gendron, Rustin Fakheri, Coach Hernan
Third Row: Coach Parsons, TJ Davis, Jason Mercer, Nick Geyer, Nick Houska, Michael Quarton, Vince Kroll, Kevin Forde, Kyle Erickson, Brandon Shaver, Coach Hampton

Individual Accomplishments: Josh Clay *Top Newcomer*; Kyle Erickson *Comeback Performer and Captain*; Kevin Forde *MVP*; Jacob Gendron *Sportsmanship Award*; Josiah Husk *Most Consistent*; Brandon Shaver *Top Performance and Captain*

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

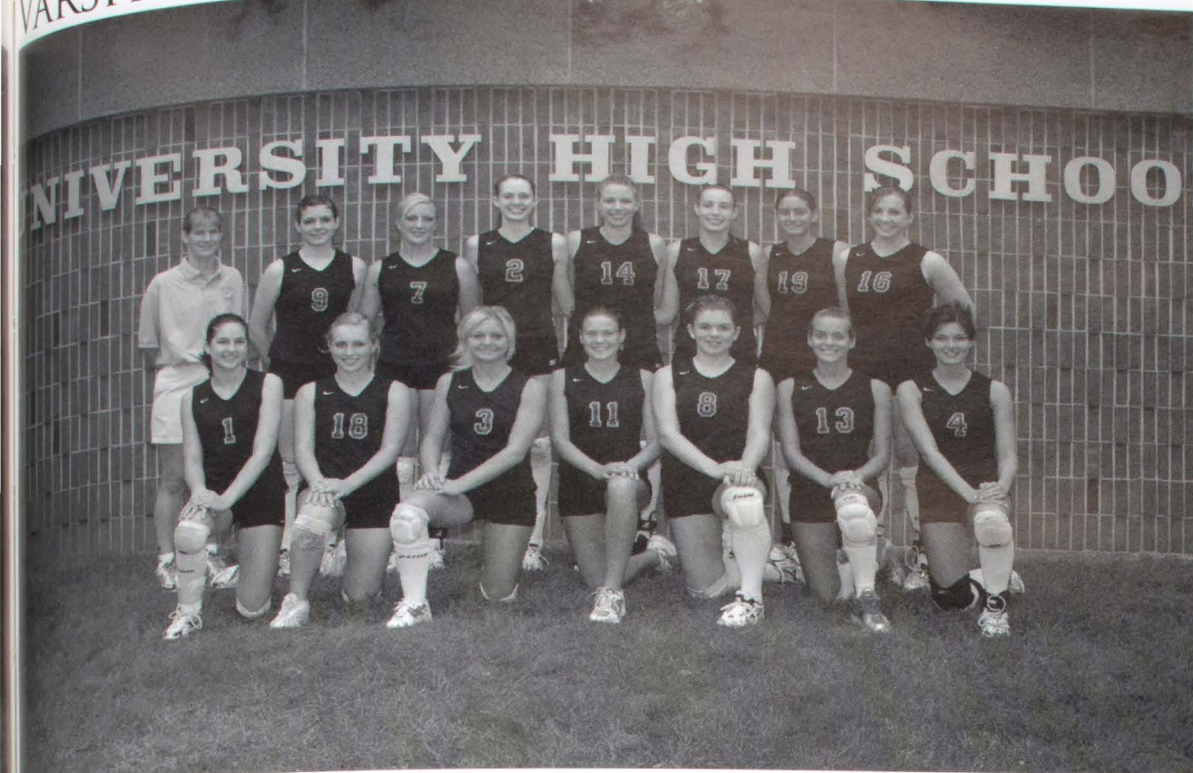
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8/29/06	Tremont/Delavan/MWC	1st
9/9/06	Woodruff Invite	37th
9/12/06	Mahomet/Prairie Central	1st
9/16/06	Notre Dame Invite	No Score
9/19/06	Intercity	3rd
9/23/06	East Peoria Invite	8th
9/28/06	Olympia F/S	1st
10/3/06	U-High Invite	3rd
10/7/06	Mahomet Invite	3rd
10/14/06	Conference	2nd
10/21/06	Regional	3rd
10/23/06	NCHS Invite	No Scores
10/28/06	Sectional	14th



Front Row: Christine Bass, Katie McMahon, Christina Parlette, Aubrey Williamson
Second Row: Sara Idleman, Emily Donnan, Wen Yang, Ellen Clay, Rachel Witte, Kara Butorac, Coach Hernan
Third Row: Coach Parsons, Katie Erdman, Bridgett Kennel, Jenna Floyd, Jessica Busse, Anna DeGraaf, Colleen Campbell, Coach Hampton

Individual Accomplishments: Jessica Busse *Sportsmanship Award and Captain*; Colleen Campbell *Most Consistent*; Emily Donnan *Top Performance*; Katie Erdman *Most Improved and Captain*; Sara Idleman *Most Inspirational*; Rachel Witte *Top Newcomer*; Wen Yang *MVP*

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

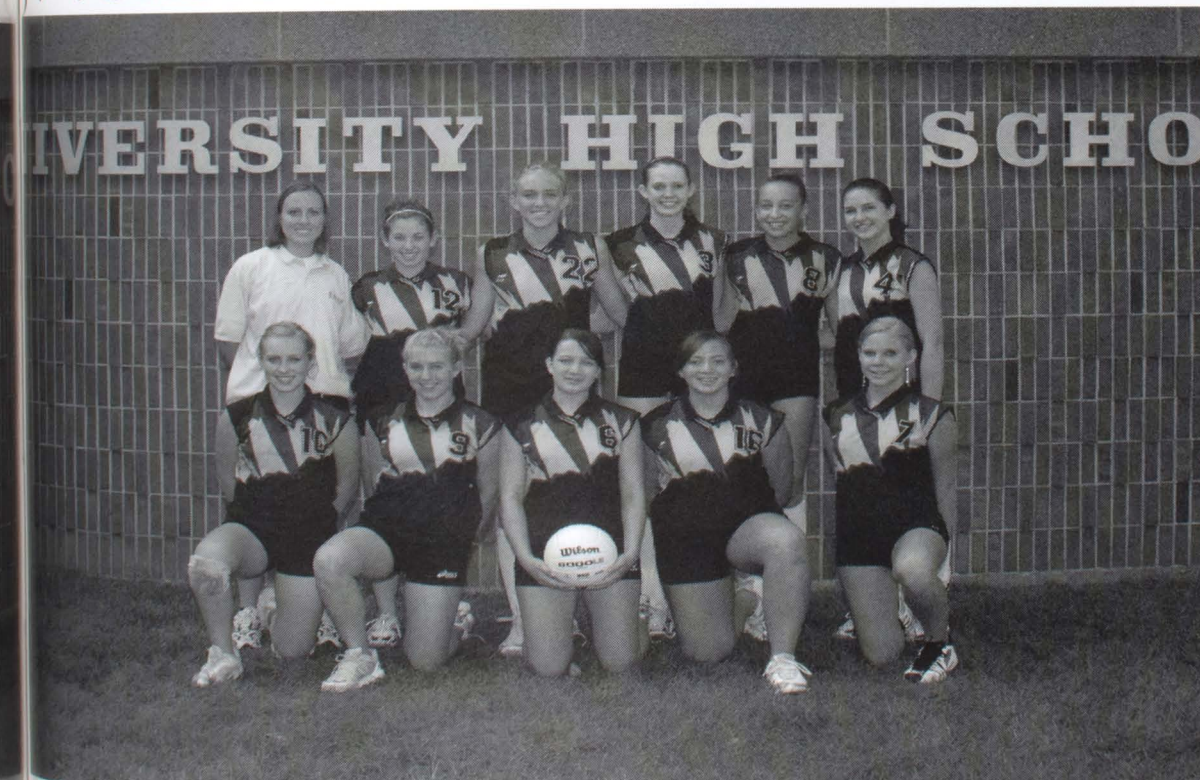


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 Second Row: Coach Sanders, Erin Tofanelli, Allyson Keith, Carly Schumacher, Kyndell Highland, Taylor Bruns, Tanya Ploemse, Liz Harbers

Individual Accomplishments: Kyndell Highland *Pantagraph "All Area" First Team, Champaign News-Gazette "All State" Honorable Mention, Cornbelt Conference First Team All-Conference, Minooka All-Tournament Team, MVP, and Captain;* Liz Harbers *Captain and Spirit Award;* Tanya Ploemse *Cornbelt Conference Second Team All-Conference and Sportsmanship Award;* Taylor Bruns *Cornbelt Conference Second All-Conference and Most Improved;* Bridget Lam *Spirit Award;* Ashlee Sang *Most Improved;* Maggie Bee *Cornbelt Conference Honorable Mention All-Conference and Sportsmanship Award*

Date	Team	Results
8/31/06	Hartsburg	Loss
9/5/06	Olympia	Win
9/8-9/06	Effingham Tournament	L;W;W;L;W
9/12/06	Pontiac	Win
9/14/06	Eureka	Win
9/19/06	Prarie Central	Win
9/21/06	Mahomet	Win
9/23/06	Intercity	L;L;W;L
9/26/06	Rantoul	Win
9/28/06	Olympia	Win
9/29-30/06	Belleville E. Tournament	W;L;L;L;L
10/2/06	Lexington	Win
10/3/06	CCHS	Win
10/5/06	Pontiac	Win
10/10/06	Eureka	Win
10/12/06	Prarie Central	Win
10/13/06	Minooka Tournament	W;W;L;W
10/17/06	Mahomet	Loss
10/19/06	Rantoul	Win
10/25/06	Regionals	Win
10/31/06	Sectionals	Loss

JV VOLLEYBALL



Front Row: Maggie Bee, Anna Vaughn, Anneke Schweers, Kelsie Celis, Ashley Petersen
 Second Row: Coach Lambert, Sara McCullough, Kelly Harrell, Carly Schumacher, Jordan Bond, Ashlee Sang

Date	Team	Results
8/31/06	Hartsburg	Win
9/5/06	Olympia	Win
9/12/06	Pontiac	Win
9/14/06	Eureka	Win
9/19/06	Prarie Central	Win
9/21/06	Mahomet	Win
9/26/06	Rantoul	Win
9/28/06	Olympia	Win
9/30/06	Hartsburg Tournament	L;W;W
10/2/06	Lexington	Loss
10/3/06	Central Catholic	Win
10/5/06	Pontiac	Win
10/7/06	Cornbelt Conference	W;W;W;L
10/10/06	Eureka	Win
10/12/06	Prarie Central	Win
10/17/06	Mahomet	Win
10/19/06	Rantoul	Win

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Date	Team	Results
9/5/06	Olympia	Win
9/12/06	Pontiac	Win
9/14/06	Eureka	Win
9/19/06	Prarie Central	Win
9/21/06	Mahomet	Win
9/26/06	Rantoul	Win
9/28/06	Olympia	Loss
10/2/06	Lexington	Win
10/3/06	Central Catholic	Win
10/5/06	Pontiac	Win
10/7/06	Lincoln Tournament	L;W;L;W;W
10/10/06	Eureka	Win
10/12/06	Prarie Central	Win
10/17/06	Mahomet	Win
10/19/06	Rantoul	Win



Front Row:Jordan Steinbrueck, Grace Irvin, Kelsey Wilson, Laine Smid, Alexis Narnoff, Olivia Castillo **Second Row:** Coach Naffsiger, Lindsey Spaits, Brooke Suchka, Haley Cook, Candice Cuppini, Stephanie Schwingle

GIRLS SWIMMING

Date	Team	Results
9/5/06	Urbana/NCWHS	Win
9/7/06	Pontiac/Eureka	Win
9/12/06	Champaign Centennial	Loss
9/16/06	Palatine Invitational	Win
9/19/06	Olympia	Win
9/23/06	BHS Invitational	Win
9/30/06	Richwoods Invitational	Win
10/3/06	Dunlap	Win
10/5/06	Intercity	Win
10/10/06	Pekin	Win
10/24/06	Champaign Central	Loss
11/4/06	U-High Invitational	Win
11/11/06	Sectional	Win



Front Row:Merryl Clemons, Rynne Gorsuch, Sarah Klass, Ali Taubert, Emily Hovren, Bethany Karraker, Cassie Anderson **Second Row:**Ji-Eun Park, Kathleen Knight, Katie Klotzbach, Michelle Fluty, Alison Clegg, Lauren Miller, Sarah Capodice, Claire Wazienski **Third Row:** Coach Meyer, Amy Stites, Heather Celis, Kristi Stalter, Lauren Januzik, Michelle Eack, Coach Burroughs

Individual Accomplishments: Michelle Eack *Captain and Sportsmanship Award*; Kristi Stalter *Spirit Award*; Amy Stites *Captain*; Sarah Capodice *Captain*; Claire Wazienski *Captain*; Kathleen Knight *MVP and State Qualifier*; Emily Hovren *MVP and State Qualifier*; Sarah Klass *Most Improved*;

BOYS SWIMMING



Front Row: Jack Mecherle, Anthony Duran, Nick Houska, Brad Saunders, Justin Lange **Second Row:** Coach Meyer, Cole Rosenbaum, Jack Marthy, Kegan Saajasto, Tyler Hines, Zach Saajasto, Zach Parton **Third Row:** Weikang Sun, Josh Davis, Sebastian Grobe, Michael Fritz, Colby Carr, Bobby Stevenson, Coach Burroughs

Individual Accomplishments: Zachary Saajasto *Captain and Sportsmanship Award*; Michael Fritz *Captain and State Qualifier*; Nick Houska *Captain*; Cole Rosenbaum *MVP and State Qualifier*; Colby Carr *Most Improved*; Kegan Saajasto *Most Spirit*; Sebastian Grobe *State Qualifier*; Josh Davis *State Qualifier*

Date	Team	Results
12/5/06	Champaign Central	Win
12/9/06	Peoria Notre Dame Invite	5th
12/12/06	Urbana	Win
12/16/06	Richwoods Invite	9th
12/30/06	Waubonsie Pentathlon	8th
1/4/07	Dunlap	Loss
1/6/07	Champaign Centennial Invite	6th
1/9/07	Pekin	Tie
1/18/07	Pontiac	Win
1/23/07	Intercity	1st
1/27/07	Conant Invite	6th
1/30/07	Springfield/Eureka	1st
2/3/07	Byron Invite	3rd
2/17/07	Sectionals	3rd
2/23/07-2/24/07	State	No Scores

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL



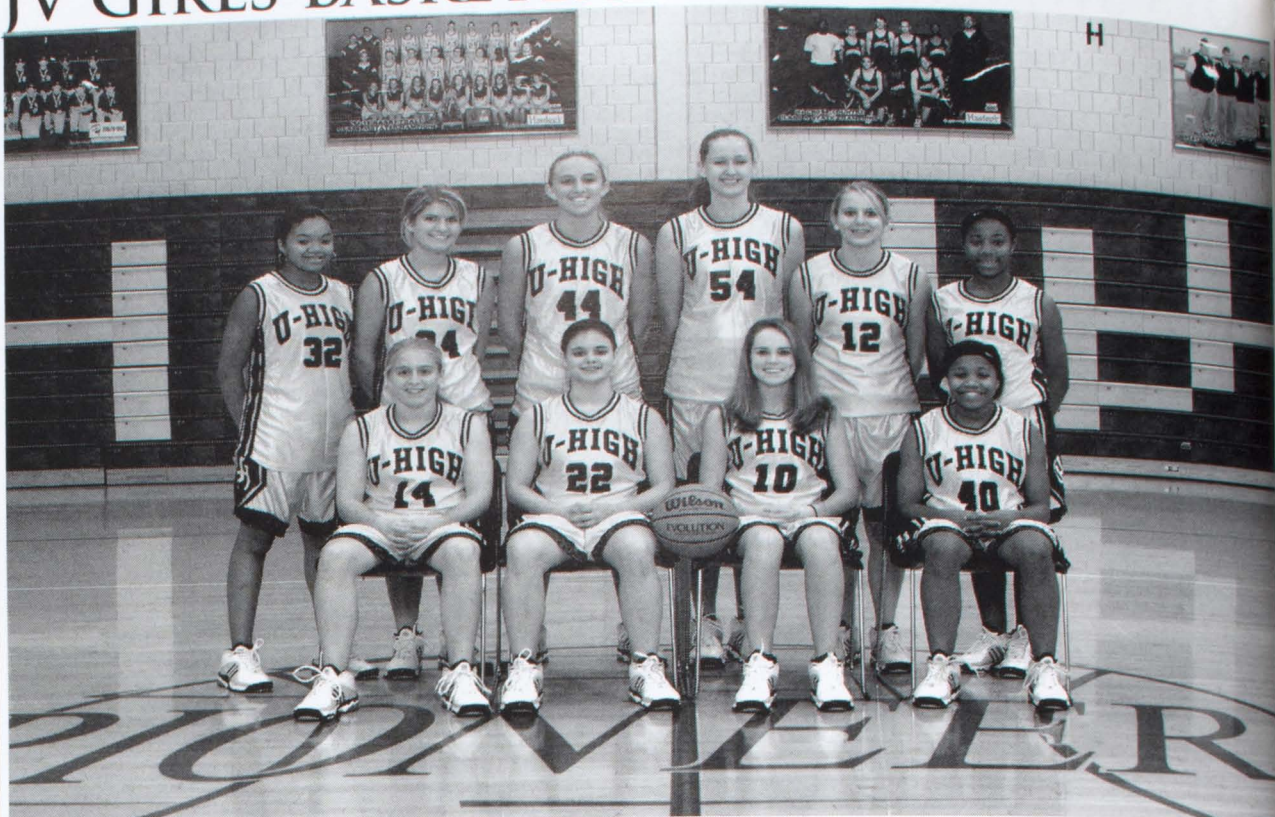
Front Row: Shelby Martin, Natalie Larson, Kyla Yeagle, Danielle Fox, Ashley Brondell, Brandice Broker **Second Row:** Alyssa Palmer, Kathleen Johnson, Chantaivia Knight, Laurel Benson, Tanya Ploense, Molly Kaisner, Lindsay Schroeder, Tenisha Brown

Individual Accomplishments: Alyssa Palmer *Most Assists, MVP, Hustle Award, and Cornbelt Conference 2nd Team*; Tenisha Brown *Most Steals, Best Defensive Player, and Cornbelt Conference Honorable Mention*; Laurel Benson *Most Rebounds and Most Improved*; Chantaivia Knight *Best Field Goal Percentage and Cornbelt Conference Honorable Mention*; Ashley Brondell *Captain*; Kathleen Johnson *Sportsmanship Award*

Date	Team	Results
11/13/06	NCHS	Win
11/15/06	BHS	Loss
11/17/06	NCWHS	Win
11/21/06	CCHS	Loss
12/2/06	Lincoln	Loss
12/7/06	Pontiac	Loss
12/9/06	Virden	Win
12/11/06	Eureka	Loss
12/14/06	Prarie Central	Loss
12/16/06	Rochester	Loss
12/21/06	Bishop Mcnamara	Loss
12/27/06	Massac	Loss
12/28/07	Bishop Mcnamara	Win
12/29/06	Cissna	Win
12/29/06	Newman Central	Loss
1/6/07	Olympia	Win
1/8/07	Rantoul	Win
1/11/07	Olympia	Win
1/15/07	CCHS	Loss
1/18/07	Pontiac	Win
1/22/06	Eureka	Win
1/25/06	Prarie Central	Loss
1/27/07	Richwoods	Loss
1/29/07	Mahomet	Loss
2/1/07	Rantoul	Win
2/8/07	Mahomet	Loss
2/15/07-20/20/07	Regionals	Win
2/22/07	Sectionals	Loss

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Team	Results
11/8/06	CCHS	Loss
12/2/06	Lincoln	Loss
12/7/06	Pontiac	Win
12/9/06	Williamsville	Win
12/11/06	Eureka	Win
12/14/06	Prairie Central	Loss
12/16/06	Rochester	Win
12/21/06	Bishop McNamara	Win
1/4/07	Mahomet	Win
1/8/07	Rantoul	Win
1/11/07	Olympia	Win
1/15/07	CCHS	Win
1/18/07	Pontiac	Win
1/22/07	Eureka	Win
1/25/07	Prairie Central	Win
1/27/07	Richwoods	Loss
2/1/07	Rantoul	Win
2/8/07	Mahomet	Loss



Front Row: Allison Vaughn, Sydney Sutter, Alex Scharf, Tenisha Brown **Second Row:** Khadijah Muhammad, Lindsay Schroeder, Kelly Harrell, Liz, Risius, Carley Stephens, Alyssa Palmer

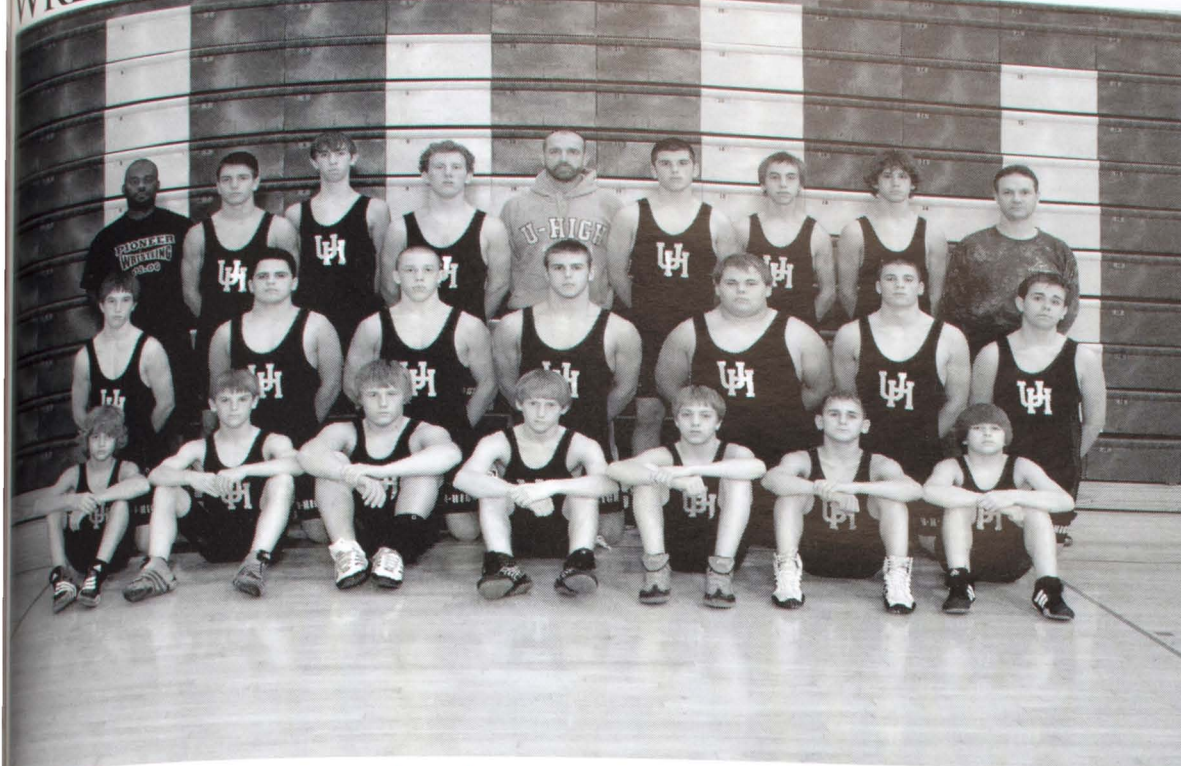
FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Team	Results
11/18/06	CCHS	Loss
11/27/16	Prairie Central	Win
12/4/06	NCWHS	Win
12/6/06	BHS	Win
12/11/06	Mahomet	Win
12/16/06	Prairie Central	Win
1/3/07	CCHS	Loss
1/6/07	Pontiac	Win
1/13/07	Rantoul	Win
1/17/07	NCHS	Win
1/22/07	Tri Valley	Loss
1/24/07	Peoria Notre Dame	Loss
1/27/07	Pontiac	Win
1/31/07	Olympia	Win
2/3/07	Mahomet	Win



Front Row: Olivia Castillo, Kristina Mlincsek, Mac Olson, Rosie Phipps **Second Row:** Jordan Steinbrueck, Laine Smid, Haley Cook, Alexis Namoff, Kelsey Wilson

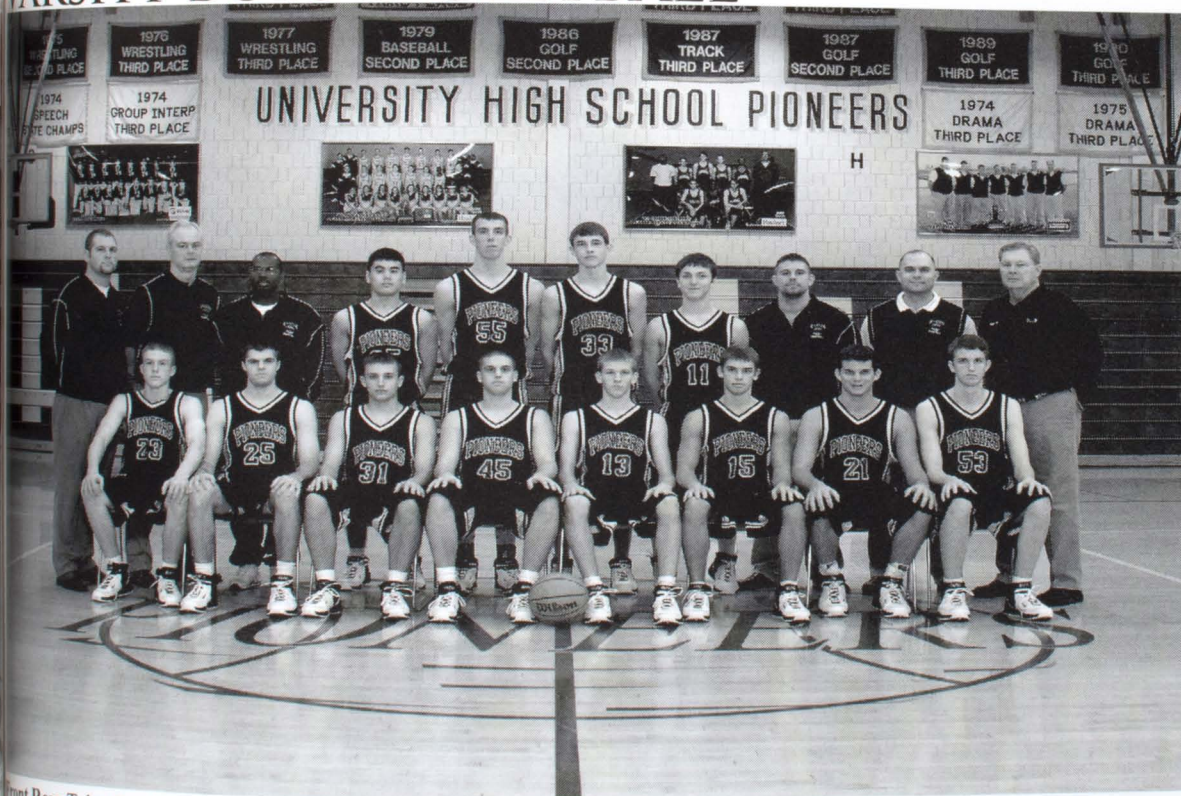
WRESTLING



Front Row: Drew Todino, John Munson, Craig Rich, Mike Eack, Ky Bailey, Logan Rule, Patrick King **Second Row:** Tommy Donovan, Will Brucker, Max Hayden, Joe Waropay, Cory Olsen, Jake Augspurger, Max Renner **Third Row:** Coach Harris, Jake McGowan, Tom Donnan, Coach Troll, Nathan Schweitzer, Alex Huff, Robby Chambers, Coach Dearing
Individual Accomplishments: Tom Donnan *Sportsmanship Award*; Cory Olson *Captain*; Trevor Rappa *Captain*; Joe Waropay *Captain and MVP*; Max Hayden *Captain*; John Munson *MVP*

Date	Team	Results
11/29/06	Leroy	Loss
12/2/06	Argenta	Loss
12/2/06	Sherrard	Win
12/2/06	Monticello	Loss
12/2/06	Seneca	Loss
12/5/06	El Paso	Win
12/5/06	Tolono	Win
12/9/06	Schlarman	Win
12/12/06	NCWHS	Loss
12/12/06	NCHS	Loss
12/12/06	BHS	Loss
12/14/06	Pontiac	Loss
12/14/06	Prairie Central	Loss
12/15/06	Clinton	Win
1/4/07	Tremont	Win
1/11/07	Rantoul	Win
1/11/07	Eureka	Loss
1/23/07	Mahomet	Loss
1/23/07	Olympia	Loss
1/27/07	Illini B;uffs	Loss
1/27/07	Peoria Heights	Win

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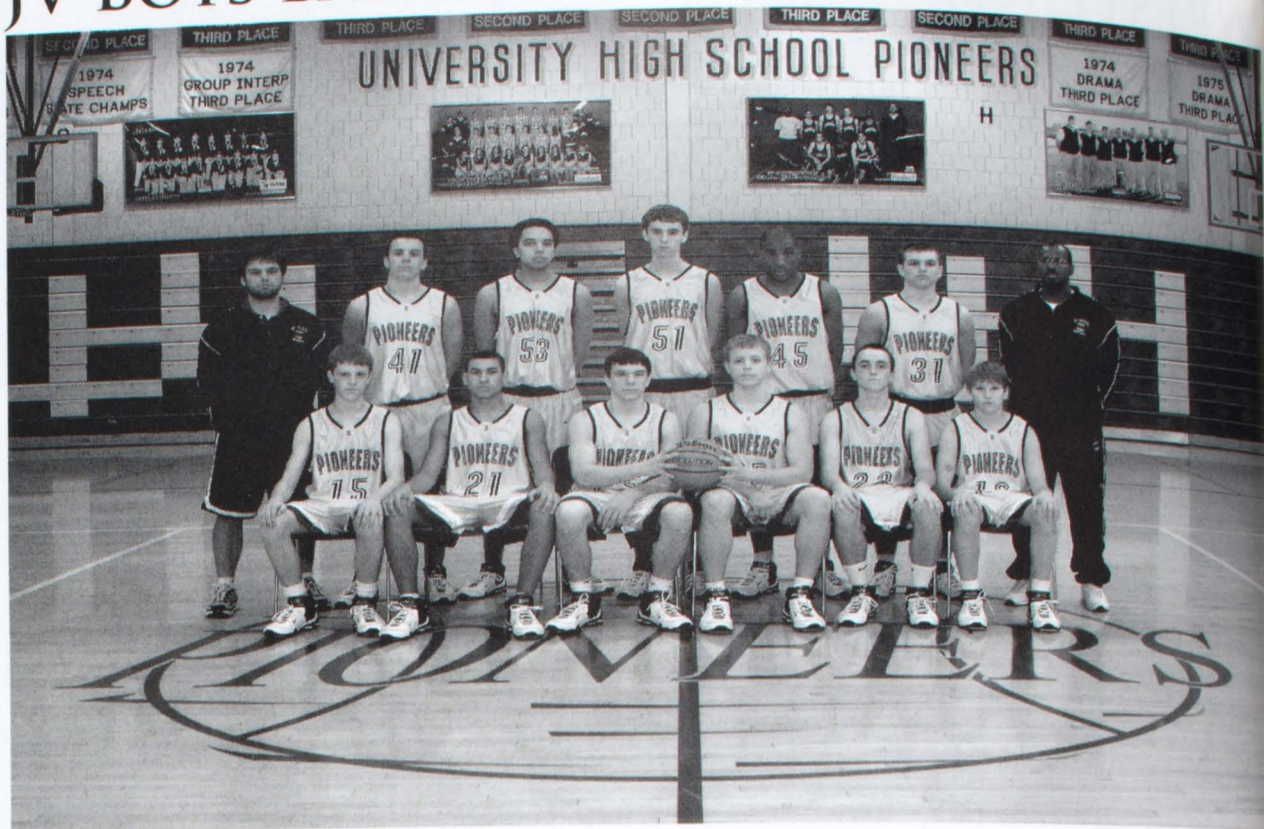


Front Row: Tyler Cook, Aaron Schroeder, John Mersch, Grant Zimmerman, Sean O'Malley, Jeff Higgins, Jake Nord, Jack Quarton **Second Row:** Coach Kashner, Coach S. Hubbard, Coach Hampton, Derek Dauenbaugh, Eric McCullough, Clint Watterrodt, E.J. Schiller, Coach Evans, Coach Fitzgerald, Coach C. Hubbard.
Individual Accomplishments: Tyler Cook *Captain*; Jake Nord *Captain*; Jake Quarton *Sportsmanship Award*; Aaron Schroeder *MVP*

Date	Team	Results
11/20/06	NCWHS	Win
11/22/06	BHS	Loss
11/24/06	NCHS	Win
11/27/06	CCHS	Loss
12/5/06	Pontiac	Win
12/8/06	Peoria Woodruff	Win
12/12/06	Washington	Loss
12/15/06	Eureka	Loss
12/06/06	Mahomet	Win
12/27/06	Springfield	Win
12/28/06	Peoria Notre Dame	Loss
12/29/06	Rock Island	Loss
12/30/06	Rock Island Alleman	Loss
1/5/07	Prarie Central	Loss
1/6/07	Rochester	Win
1/12/07	Rantoul	Win
1/19/07	Olympia	Loss
1/26/07	CCHS	Win
1/27/06	Olympia	Win
1/30/07	Pontiac	Win
2/2/07	Eureka	Win
2/9/07	Prarie Central	Win
2/10/07	Morton	Loss
2/16/07	Quincy Notre Dame	Loss
2/19/07	Rantoul	Win
2/23/07	Mahomet	Win
2/28/07-3/2/07	Regionals	Loss

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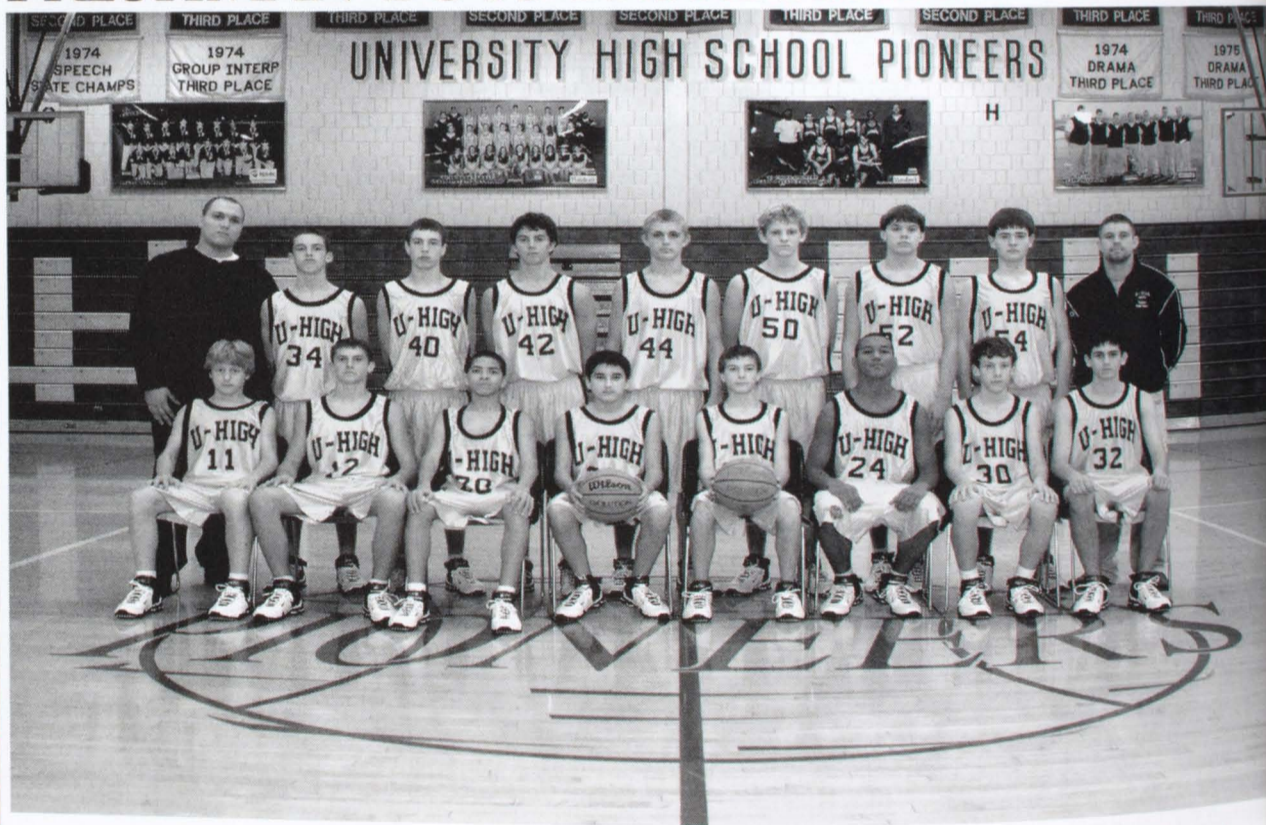
Date	Team	Results
12/5/06	Pontiac	Loss
12/8/06	Peoria Woodruff	Win
12/12/06	Washington	Loss
12/15/06	Eureka	Loss
12/16/06	Mahomet	Win
1/5/07	Prarie Central	Win
1/6/07	Rochester	Loss
1/12/07	Rantoul	Win
1/19/07	Olympia	Loss
1/26/07	CCHS	Loss
1/27/07	Olympia	Loss
1/30/07	Pontiac	Win
2/2/07	Eureka	Win
2/9/07	Prarie Central	Win
2/10/07	Morton	Loss
2/16/07	Quincy Notre Dame	Win
2/19/07	Rantoul	Win
2/23/07	Mahomet	Win
2/24/07	BHS	Loss
2/24/07	Rantoul	Win
2/26/07	Champaign Central	Win



Front Row: Peter Schiller, Deonte' Van Hook, Vince Chiodo, Vince Kroll, Ben Kilborn, Mike O'Malley **Second Row:** Coach Hernan, Luke Harbers, Logan Berryman, Ryan Woodall, Ikechi Nnamani, Caleb Katz, Coach Hampton

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

Date	Team	Results
11/27/06	Prarie Central	Loss
12/4/06	NCWHS	Loss
12/6/06	Olympia	Loss
12/9/06	Elpaso-Gridley	Win
12/11/06	Mahomet	Loss
12/16/06	Prarie Central	Win
1/3/07	CCHS	Loss
1/6/07	Pontiac	Loss
1/8/07	Eureka	Win
1/10/07	NCHS	Loss
1/13/07	Rantoul	Win
1/15/07	Lincoln	Loss
1/20/07	Olympia	Win
1/22/07	CCHS	Loss
1/23/07	NCWHS	Loss
1/27/07	Pontiac	Loss
1/31/07	Olympia	Loss
2/3/07	BHS	Loss
2/8/07	Mahomet	Loss



Front Row: Ben Kiesewetter, Eric Robb, Juwan Chavers, Mack Miner, Bo Sparks, T.J. Smith, Kyle Gallagher, Nick Paglu-
cia **Second Row:** Coach Ptaszynski, Peter McKinzie, Cullen Kennel, Connor Brown, Austin Nord, Trevor Hahm, Seth
Stalter, Dustin Stuart, Coach Evans

BOYS TENNIS



Front Row: Cameron Ruiz, Christopher Hoerdemann, Alexander Zaitzeff, Ben Kiesewetter, Bo Sparks, Karthik Patil, Saurin Shah, Kegan Saajasto **Second Row:** Zach Saajasto, Blair Smith, Andre Aung, Jack Mecherle, Sean Comerford, Tim Nash, Dan Grieco, Robert Wan, Brandon Diekhoff, Keith Graden **Third Row:** Josh Clay, Gianni Africano, Marc Hitchen, Michael Fritz, Munan Singhal, Neesath Shah, Joe Bernhardt, Jake Gendron, Ben Yue, Coach Runyan

Individual Accomplishments: Joe Bernhardt *Captain*; Josh Clay *Sportsmanship Award*; Ben Yue *MVP*

Date	Team	Results
4/9/07	CCHS	Win
4/21/07	Metamora/ Peoria Notre Dame	L;W
4/23/07	Washington	Win
4/27/07-4/28/07	Hersey	24th
4/30/07	NCHS	Win
5/4/07-5/5/07	Hill Invite	7th
5/8/07	Danville	Loss
5/9/07	BHS	Win
5/10/07	Pontiac	Win
5/14/07	Morton	Loss
5/19/07	Sectionals	2nd

VARSITY SOFTBALL



Front Row: Kelsey Wilson, Megan Sallee, Lindsay Schroeder, Bailey Bottorff **Second Row:** Sarah Cochran, Sara Idleman, Kelsie Celis, Maggie Bee, Kelsey Maffett **Third Row:** Courtney Rogers, Kristen Satchwell, Kristin Walker, Shelby Martin, Rachel Vazquez, Haley Cook

Individual Accomplishments: Megan Sallee *MVP and captain*; Sara Idleman *Sportsmanship Award*; Kelsie Celis *Coaches Award*

Date	Team	Results
3/28/07	Morton	Loss
4/2/07	NCWHS	Loss
4/3/07	Olympia	Loss
4/10/07	Pontiac	Loss
4/13/07	NCHS	Loss
4/16/07	Eureka	Loss
4/17/07	Prarie Central	Win
4/19/07	Mahomet	Loss
4/20/07	Illini Bluffs	Loss
4/21/07	Tremont	Loss
4/23/07	El Paso/Gridley	Win
4/24/07	Rantoul	Loss
5/1/07	CCHS	Loss
5/3/07	Olympia	Loss
5/5/07	CCHS	Loss
5/5/07	Rantoul	Win
5/7/07	Maroa-Forsythe	Win
5/9/07	Pontiac	Loss
5/10/07	Prarie Central	Win
5/12/07	Clinton	Win
5/16/07	Streator	Loss
5/18/07	Mahomet	Loss
5/22/07	Regionals	Loss

VARSITY BASEBALL

Date	Team	Results
3/26/07	Rock Island	Loss
3/29/07	Peoria Notre Dame	Win
4/2/07	Roanoke-Benson	Win
4/3/07	Olympia	Win
4/5/07	CCHS	Win
4/6/07	BHS	Win
4/10/07	Pontiac	Win
4/16/07	Eureka	Win
4/17/07	Prarie Central	Loss
4/18/07	Peru St. Bede	Win
4/19/07	Mahomet	Win
4/20/07	Beardstown	Loss
4/21/07	Williamsville	Loss
4/21/07	Quincy Notre Dame	Win
4/23/07	El Paso/Gridley	Win
4/24/07	Rantoul	Loss
4/30/07	NCWHS	Loss
5/1/07	CCHS	Win
5/3/07	Rantoul	Win
5/4/07	Prarie Central	Loss
5/5/07	Mahomet	Loss
5/8/07	Maroa-Forsythe	Loss
5/9/07	LaSalle-Peru	Win
5/11/07	NCHS	Loss
5/12/07	Metamora	Win
5/12/07	Peoria Richwoods	Win
5/14/07	Pontiac	Win
5/15/07	Morton	Win
5/15/07	Streator	Win
5/19/07	Pontiac	Loss
5/19/07	Lincoln	Loss
5/24/07	Urban	Win
5/26/07	Regionals	Loss



Front Row:Dave Bartosik,John Mersch,Luke Graning, E.J. Schiller, James Lam,Sean Dozier **Second Row:**Zach Zentner, Mike Rotsch, Derek Dauenbaugh,Joe Waropay,Kevin Rotsch **Third Row:**Coach Auer,Aaron Walker,Jason Gendron, Andy McNeely,Coach Bee, Eric McCullough,Tyler Cook,,Jake Nord,Coach Craig

Individual Accomplishments:Tyler Cook *Captain and MVP*;John Mersch *Captain and Leadership Award*;Jake Nord *Work Ethic Award*;Dave Bartosik *Sportsmanship Award*;Jason Gendron *Sportsmanship Award*;Sean Dozier *Most Improved*;Joe Waropay *Gold Glove Award*

SOPHOMORE BASEBALL

Date	Team	Results
4/9/07	NCHS	Loss
4/10/07	Pontiac	Loss
4/17/07	Prarie Central	Win
4/19/07	Mahomet	Loss
4/21/07	Tri Valley	W;W
4/24/07	Rantoul	Loss
4/27/07	Morton	Loss
4/28/07	El Paso/Gridley	W;W
4/30/07	Mahomet	Loss
5/1/07	CCHS	Win
5/3/07	Pontiac	Loss
5/5/07	Rochester	W;W
5/7/07	NCHS	Loss
5/8/07	Eureka	Win
5/11/07	Metamora	Win
5/12/07	Lexington	W;W
5/16/07	BHS	Loss



Front Row:Michael Elliott,Tommy Donovan,Brent Miller,Leigh Huff,Ky Bailey,Josh Phelan,Paul Beckman,Ryan Ehredt **Second Row:**Assistant Coach,Tim Glover,Rich Shepherd,Coach Christian,Nick Kauffman,Cody Stultz,

FRESHMAN BASEBALL



Date	Team	Results
4/2/07	Mahomet	Loss
4/9/07	Prarie Central	Win
4/13/07	Lincoln	Loss
4/16/07	Champaign Central	Loss
4/18/07	CCHS	Win
4/20/07	BHS	Loss
4/21/07	Rantoul	L;W
4/23/07	Herscher	Win
4/24/07	NCWHS	Loss
4/28/07	Rochester	Win
4/30/07	Prarie Central	Loss
5/3/07	NCHS	Loss
5/7/07	Olympia	Win
5/8/07	Tremont	Win
5/9/07	Pontiac	Win
5/12/07	Morton	L;L
5/14/07	Pontiac	Loss
5/16/07	BHS	Win

Front Row: Aaron Barton, Cole Wardlow, Dan Nibbelin, Colby Carr, Adam Doubet, Kyle Gallagher, Pat Kelso, Gary Nalefski
 Second Row: Coach Ptaszynski, Peter Schiller, Connor Brown, Trevor Hahm, Coach Holt, Dustin Stuart, D.J. Blume, Mike Galvan, Tanner Frey, Coach Blome

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER



Date	Team	Results
3/24/07	BHS	Win
3/25/07	NCHS	Loss
3/27/07	NCWHS	Loss
4/3/07	Williamsville	Win
4/7/07	Urbana	Win
4/12/07	Richwoods	Loss
4/15/07	NCWHS	Loss
4/19/07	Champaign Central	Win
4/21/07	Rochester	Win
4/24/07	CCHS	Win
4/25/07	Whitney Young	Win
4/29/07	Mahomet	Win
5/3/07	Champaign Centennial	Win
5/14/07	Regionals	Loss

Front Row: Claire Jones, Paige Knippenberg, Emily Hahn, Jenna Wampler, Kate Dessa
 Second Row: Rose Phipps, Courtney Allen, Carly Stephens, Sarah Wintersteen, Liz Phipps, Sophie Somers
 Third Row: Coach Fritzen, Anna Lenart, Anna Doran, Erin Sage, Heather Wickenhauser, Lindsey Spaits, Emily Allen, Sadie Somers, Mackenzie Olson, Coach Voltare
 Individual Accomplishments: Sophie Somers MVP, Captain, and Sportsmanship

GIRLS JV SOCCER

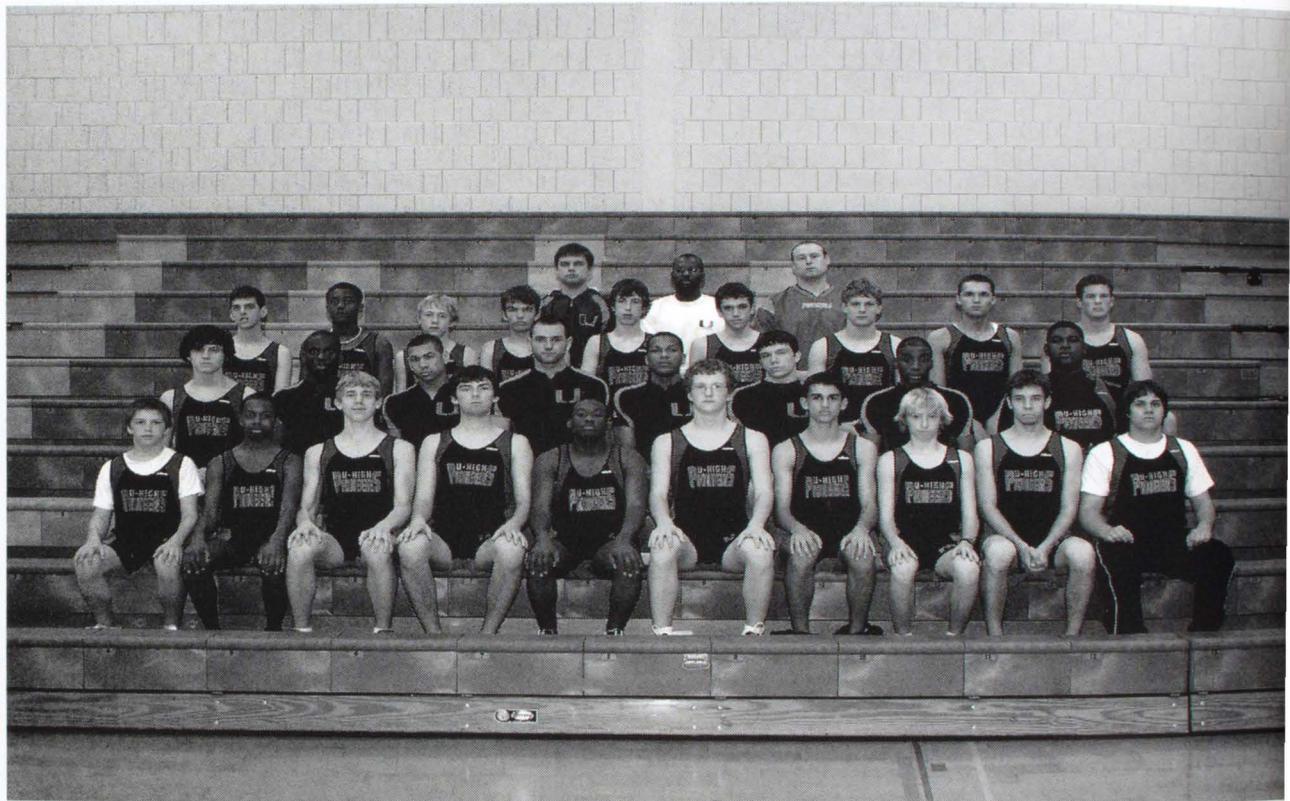
Date	Team	Results
4/3/07	Williamsville	Win
4/7/07	Urbana	Win
4/12/07	Richwoods	Loss
4/15/07	NCWHS	Loss
4/19/07	Champaign Central	Win
4/21/07	Rochester	Win
4/29/07	Mahomet	Win
5/3/07	Champaign Centennial	Win



Front Row: Jessica Gardner, Allison Vaughn, Anneke Schweers **Second Row:** Anna Vaughn, Jessica Everingham, Coach Brittany, Colleen Campbell, Andrea Schweers

BOYS TRACK

Date	Team	Results
3/2/07	NCWHS Relays	No Score
3/3/07	ISU Relays	No Score
3/24/07	Cogdal Relays	No Score
4/10/07	Lincoln/Clinton/Olympia	Win
4/14/07	Lanphier	5th
4/17/07	Mahomet/St. Joe/Leroy	No Score
4/20/07	NCHS Relays	3rd
4/24/07	Intercity	5th
4/27/07	Redbird Invite	3rd
5/1/07	Olympia Relays	Win
5/3/07	F/S Conference	8th
5/7/07	Conference	3rd
5/18/07	Sectionals	Loss



Front Row: Patrick King, Jonathan Hill, Rob Hanson, Kyle Erickson, Wesley Holloway, Brandon Shaver, Connor Cross, Kirk Saunders, Ryan Lehner, Jacob Thacker **Second Row:** Collin Kraft, Sean Hastings, Deonte' Van Hook, Kyle Leduc, Preston Smith, Vince Chiodo, Ikechi Nnamani, Max Chambers **Third Row:** Jeff McKinzie, Kevin Forde, Will Ward, Ian Walling, Cullen Kennell, Josiah Husk, Ben Hall, T.J. Davis, Scott Blair **Fourth Row:** Coach Hernan, Coach Hampton, Coach Burk

Individual Accomplishments: Scott Blair *Outstanding Field*; Kevin Forde *Most Outstanding Distance*; Rob Hanson *Most Improved*; Ben Hall *Top Newcomer*; Kyle Leduc *Sportsmanship Award*; Ikechi Nnamani *Most Outstanding Field*; Preston Smith *MVP*; Deonte VanHook *Most Improved*

GIRLS TRACK



Front Row: Katie McMahon, Paige Durchholz, Kelsey Kraft, Kate Tannura, Jessica Busse, Alyssa Humphreys, Hilary Giesel, Brandi Broker, Melanié Matlock **Second Row:** Candice Cuppini, Kara Butorac, Caity Baugh, Katie Erdman, Amanda Lawler, Brittany Shoemaker, Lindsey Butorac, Lauren Bailey, Carrie Thoennes **Third Row:** Aubry Williamson, Emily Donnan, Anna DeGraff, Haley Stuckey, Allie Mahr, Jordan Bond, Wen Yang, Lane Smid, Olivia Castillo **Fourth Row:** Coach Herman, Coach Parsons, Coach Hampton

VARSITY WINTER CHEERLEADING



Front Row: Anna Vaughn, Kourtney Brooks, Ashley Barber, Sarah Wintersteen, Amanda Blair, Allie Maher **Second Row:** Cassie Cole, Melissa Seeborg, Kristina Cooper, Cassie Anderson, Joya Davis, Hannah Corley, Haley Stuckey **Third Row:** Kyle Russell, Paige Durchholz, Delayne Durdle, Amanda Rehtmeyer, Kenny Lane, Kay Schutte, Elynn Polley

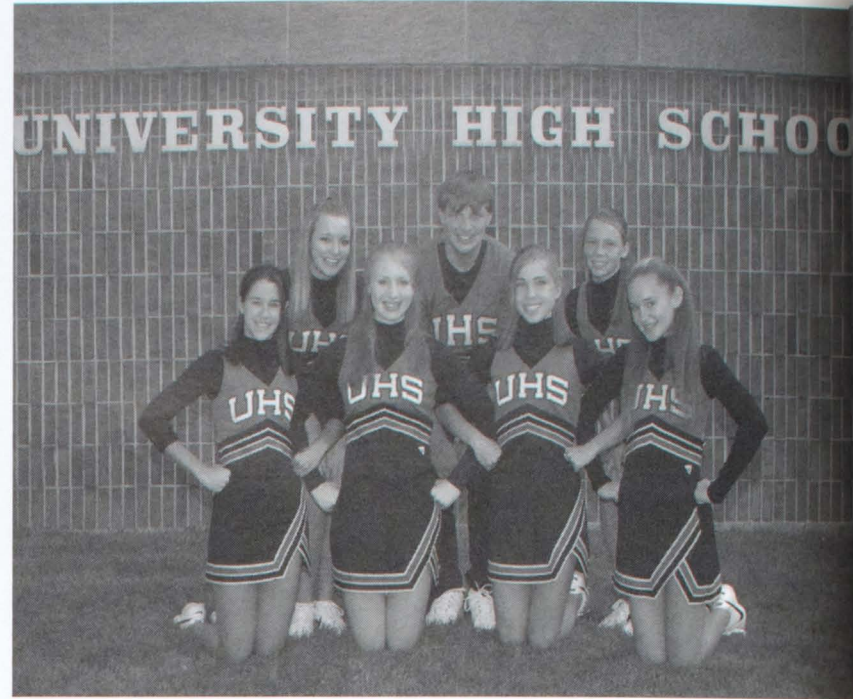
Date	Team	Results
1//07	ICCA Competition	Participant
	Sectionals	6th

VARSITY FALL CHEERLEADING



First Row: Haley Stuckey, Kortney Brooks, Sarah Wintersteen, Amanda Blair
Second Row: Amanda Rehtmeyer, Joya Davis, Rylee Russell, Allie Maher

JV FALL CHEERLEADING



First Row: Jenny Koth, Kay Schutte, Elyn Polley, Kassie Cole
Second Row: Kristina Cooper, Kenny Lane, Hannah Corley

FALL DANCE TEAM



First Row: Nicole Phillips, Cassie Hanson **Second Row:** Caity Baugh, Catelyn Shaw, Jordan Stork, Sierra Anders, Maddie Andre **Third Row:** Katie Telling, Kathryn Hill, Brionna King, Rachel Dauenbaugh, Brittany Shoemaker

WINTER DANCE TEAM



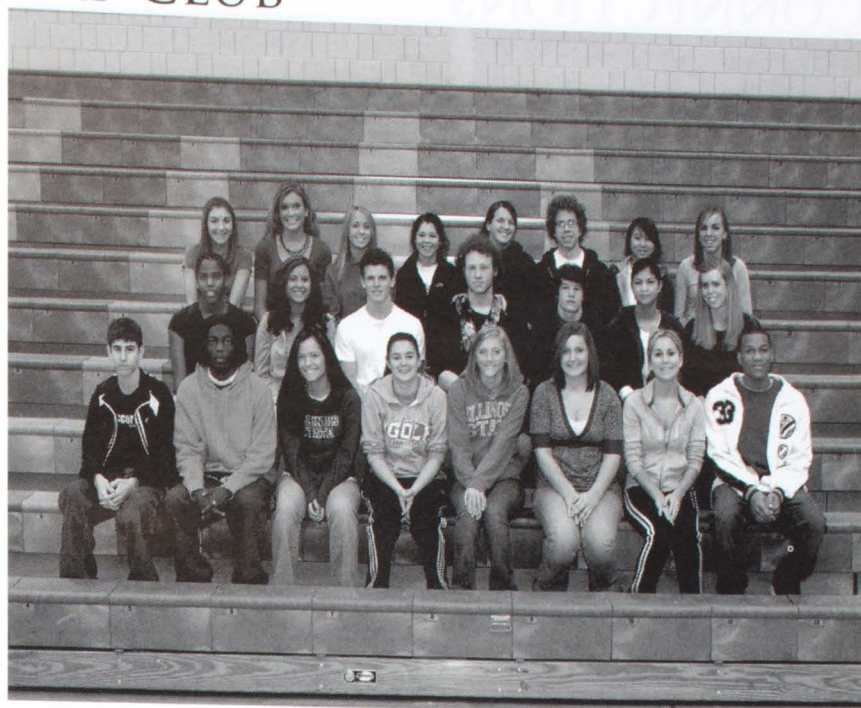
First Row: Nicole Phillips, Cassie Hanson **Second Row:** Katie Telling, Brionna King, Caity Baugh, Rachel Dauenbaugh, Brittany Shoemaker **Third Row:** Sierra Anders, Maddie Andre, Kathryn Hill, Catelyn Shaw, Jordan Stork

ANIME CLUB



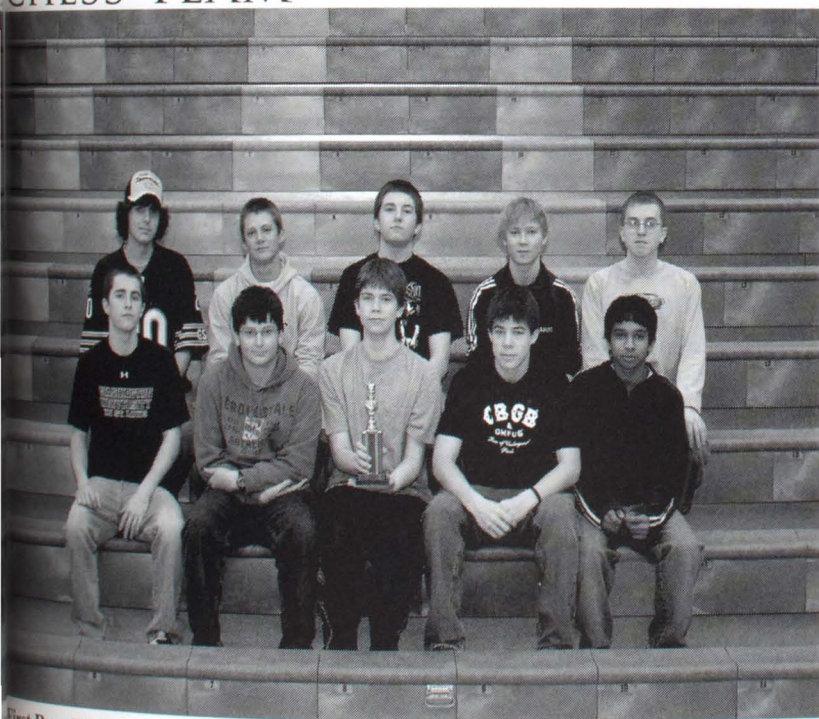
First Row: Kat Scheck, Catelyn Shaw, Shannon Bogue, Hilary Baboukis
Second Row: Blake Reno, Nathan Alden, Jessica Bogue, Elizabeth Ray, Meredith Maughan, Zach McGowan

ART CLUB



First Row: Tim Nash, Chadman James, Jordi Schumacher, Chelsea Harris, Anna Doran, Erin Sage, Lindsey Turner, Preston Smith
Second Row: Chantaivia Knight, Mercedes Martinez, Will Cullen, Reid Sancken, Jack McCaw, Marielle Zaldarriaga, Desiree Carroll
Third Row: Kate Tannura, Laurel Benson, Liz Massey, Liz Phipps, Renee Demont, Danny Hajek, Mandie Le, Erica Woodall

CHESS TEAM



First Row: Michael Rotsch, Nathan Alden, Alexander Zaitzeff, Sean Comerford, Karthik Patil
Second Row: Matt May, Eric Meier, Kevin Rotsch, Zachary Sasajasto, Tim Foote

BROME AND BEYOND



First Row: Amy Knapp, Danielle Fox, Claire Taulbee, Cassie Hanson, Laura Bowman, Sarah Morris, Ila Sruti
Second Row: Ji-Eun Park, Maria Helgeson, Ashlee Sang, Taylor Bruns, Jennifer Janssen, Christine Do

CONNECTIONS



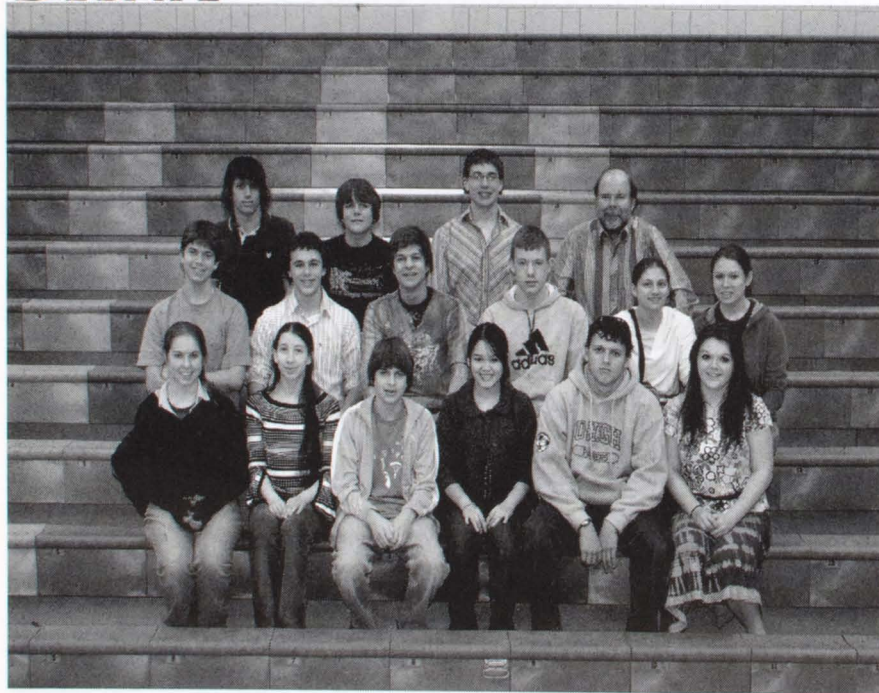
First Row: Maria Helgeson, Christine Bass, Taiyo Wilson, Cassie Hanson **Second Row:** Dixie Lewis

CULTURE CLUB



First Row: Hana Ayele, Brittany Evans, Anna Vaughn, Kasey Le, Christine Do, Ji-Eun Park **Second Row:** Laura Smith, Taylor Bruns, Ila Sruti, Cecilia Montes de Oca

DEBATE



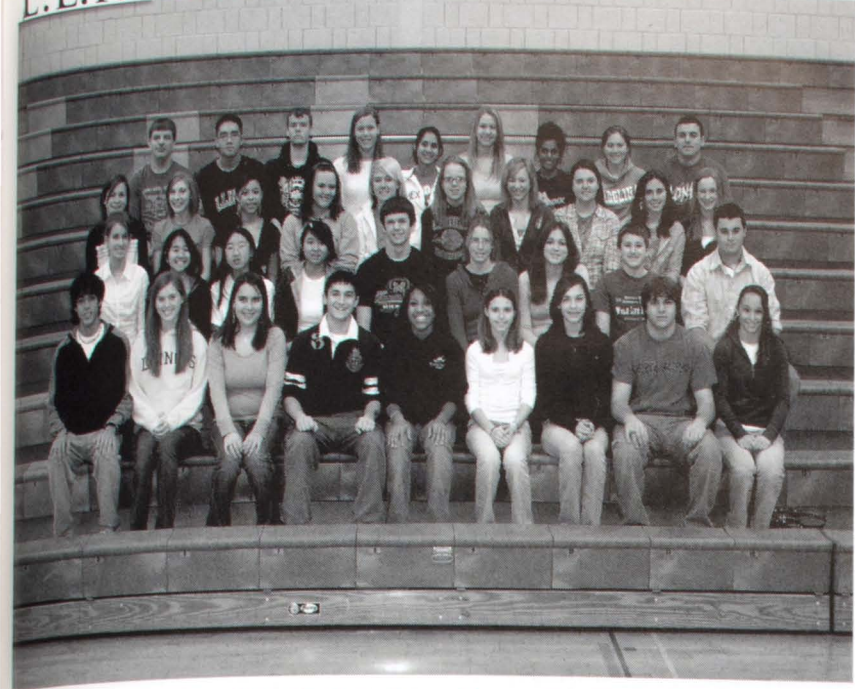
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EARTH CLUB



First Row: Andi Peterson, Brooke Sushka, Christine Bass, Jessica Busse, Marielle Zaldarriaga, Michelle Fluty **Second Row:** Dixie Lewis

E.L.F. CLUB



First Row: Taiyo Wilson, Abby Hoekstra, Jenny Morrow, Dan Grieco, Lauren Brooks, Jade Kestian, Kathryn Hill, Jake Thacker, Danica Taylor **Second Row:** Rachel Solava, Jessi Nguyen, XiXi Tian, Mandie Le, Vinny Melchiorri, Merryl Clemons, Amanda Lawler, Grant Miller, Jared Cook **Third Row:** Claire Jones, Kathryn Cullen, Jennifer Janssen, Sarah Heimerdinger, Lindsey Spaits, Celia Schimelpfenig, Grace Irvin, Elizabeth Alden, Rebekah Vaughn, Maria Endsley **Fourth Row:** Kenny Lane, Robert Wan, Ryan Ehredt, Kathleen Johnson, Cecilia Montes de Oca, Christine Jolly, Sheena Bhayana, Kaitlyn Wampler, Marc Hitchen

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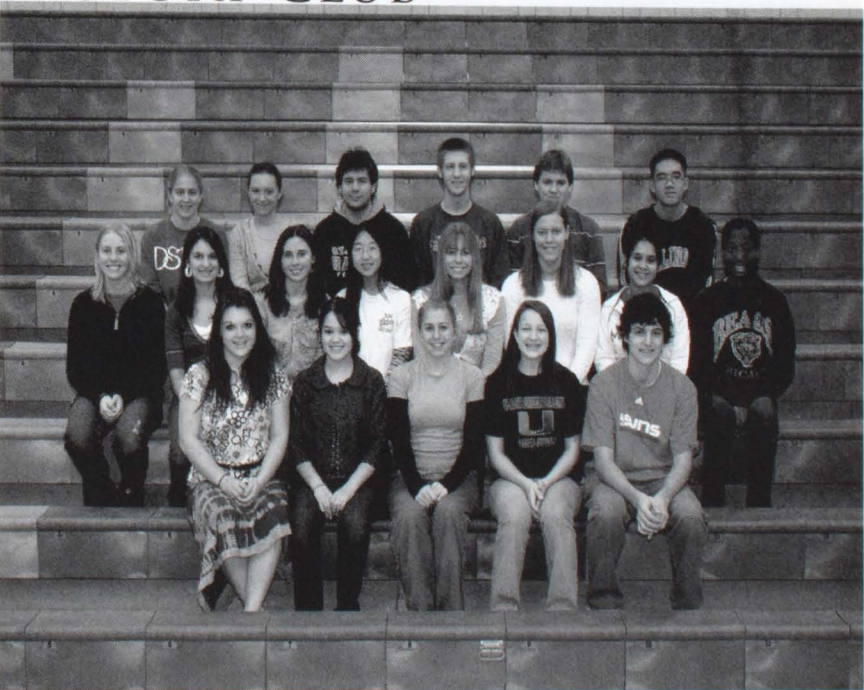
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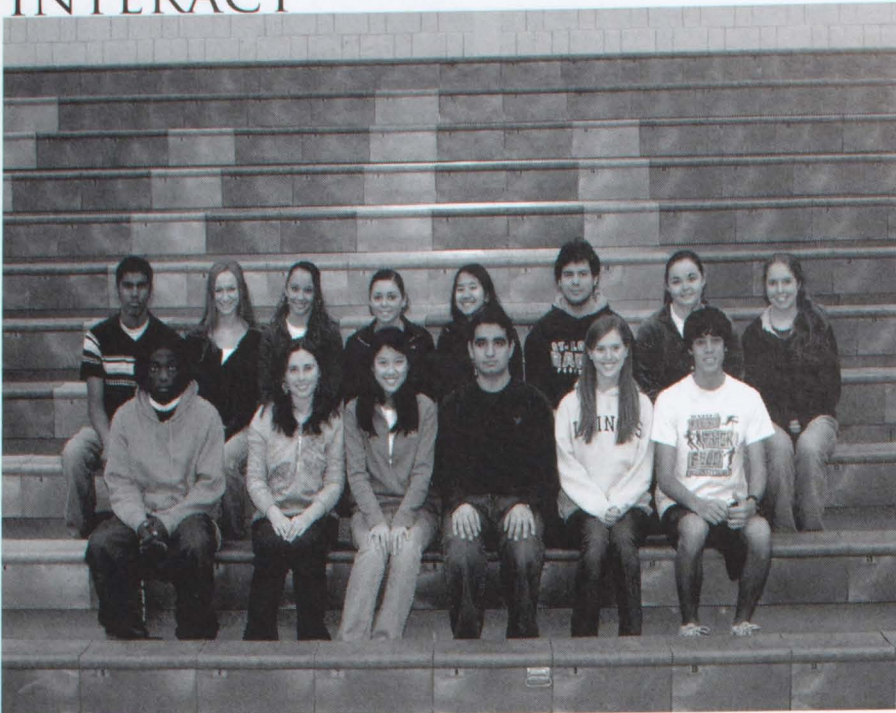
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HISTORY CLUB



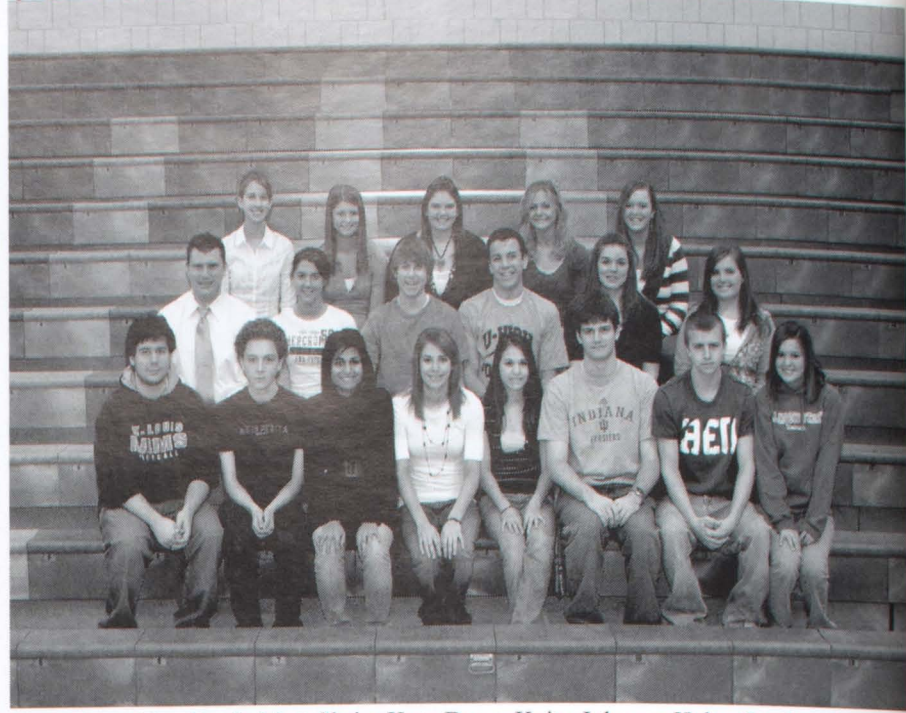
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INTERACT



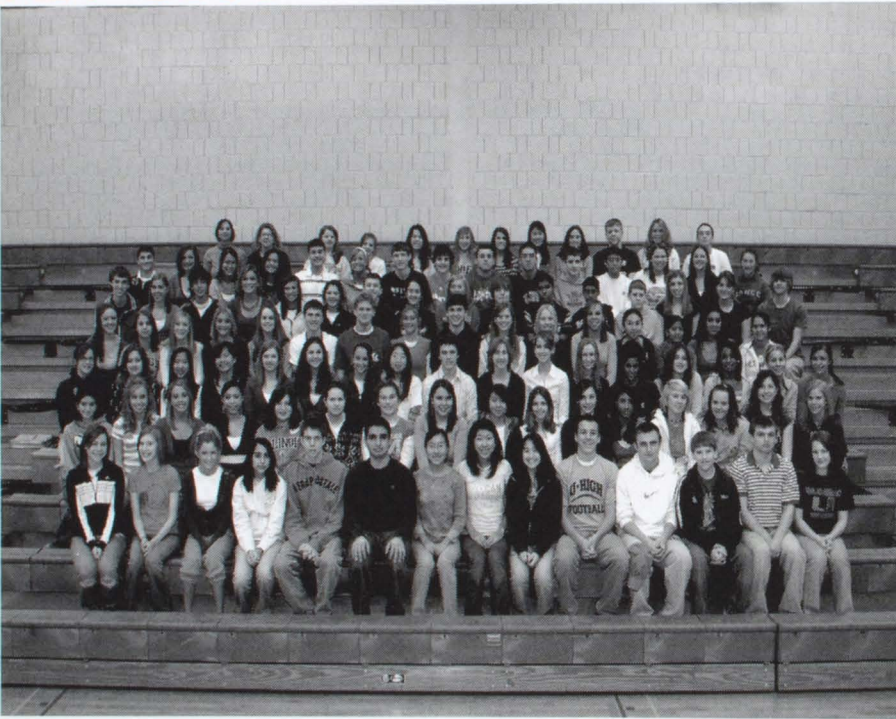
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JOURNALISM



First Row: Alex Kraft, Matt Shrier, Kate Dessa, Kaity Johnson, Haley Stuckey, Aaron Walker, Aaron Burnett, Bridget McGuire **Second Row:** Mr. Conant, Michelle Eack, Jake Gendron, Luke Harbers, Alyssa Humphreys, Samantha Bryden **Third Row:** Rachel Solava, Caitlin Truty, Natalie Larson, Kyla Yeagle, Becky Smith

KEY CLUB



First Row: Claire Jones, Kathryn Cullen, Allie Maher, Fatima Kazmi, Alex Thoennes, Rustin Fakheri, Hong Nan, Christine Liang, Jessi Nguyen, Luke Harbers, Jack McCarthy, Mike O'Malley, Caleb Katz, Anneke Schweers **Second Row:** Maria Helgeson, Cassie Anderson, Kathleen Knight, Jennifer Janssen, Katy Kiddle, Paige Blankenship, Bailey Bottorff, Jenny Morrow, Mandie Le, Jade Kestian, Kathryn Hill, Mounika Paravastu, Lindsey Spaits, Sarah Heimerdinger, Brooke Sushka, Ashley Petersen **Third Row:** Bethany Karraker, Laura Smith, Christine Do, Ji-Eun Park, Katie Telling, Ashlee Sang, Danica Taylor, Xixi Tian, Dan Kaufman, Cassie Hanson, Rachel Solava, Maria Endsley, Sheena Bhayana, Amanda Cawler, Madhuri Paravastu, Lindsey Turner, Lauren Leftler **Fourth Row:** Alexis Bustle, Rachel Shepard, Paige Knippenberg, Courtney Allen, Alex Scharf, Eugene Schiller III, Benjamin Hall, Emily Allen, Michael Quarton, Abby Hoekstra, Janelle Galloway, Erica Woodall, Wen Yang, Ila Sruti, Hana Ayele, Cecilia Monetes de Oca **Fifth Row:** Ryan Woodall, Ellyn Polley, Taiyo Wilson, Laurel Benson, Ally Miller, Liz Phipps, Aaron Michaels, Katie Vivirito, Anna Doran, Kyle Yarbrough, Neesh Shah, Saurin Shah, Ian Standard, Ashley Leffler, Katie Zilligen, Cole Griswold **Sixth Row:** Dan Grieco, Erin Sage, Mika Tanaka, Jordi Schumacher, Derek Dauenbaugh, Claire Wazienski, Clint Vatterrodt, Chris Ashley, Marc Hitchen, Robert Wan, Josh Phelan, Andre Aung, Kristen Satchwell, Miriam Ball, Emily Donnan **Seventh Row:** Katie Orrego, Anita Beaman, Breanna Hoskins, Emily Hahn, Brittany Shoemaker, Makenzie McDowell, Emily Zimmerman, Cheryl Liang, Rebekah Vaughan, Vince Kroll, Andi Peterson, Ben Kilborn

LIBRARY CLUB



First Row: Bailey Bottorff, Katy Biddle, Jessica Everingham, Nathan Alden **Second Row:** Mike Brooks, Blake Reno, Meredith Maughan, Zach McGowan, Paige Blankenship

LOCKS OF LOVE



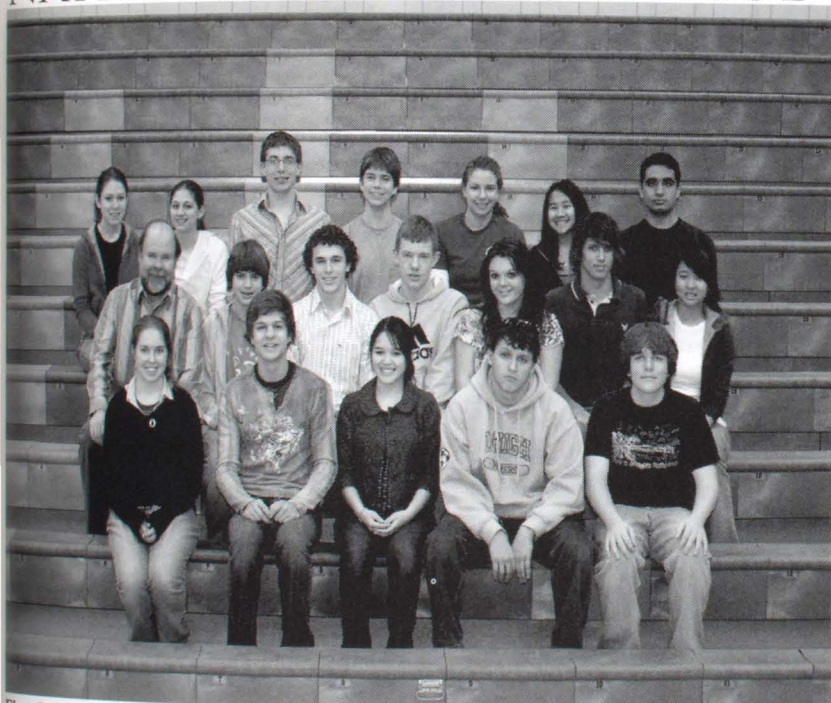
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MATH TEAM



First Row: Derek Dauenaugh, Saurin Shah, Karthik Patil, Anthony Duran, Michael Fritz, Ian Ostaszewski, Will Ward **Second Row:** Tim Foote, Alexander Zaitzeff, Peter Siegfried, Brad Saunders, Ben Yue, Jason Gendron **Third Row:** Zachary Saajasto, Andre Aung, Nat Murphy, Lindsey Butorac, Rachael Bakaitis, Robert Wan

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE



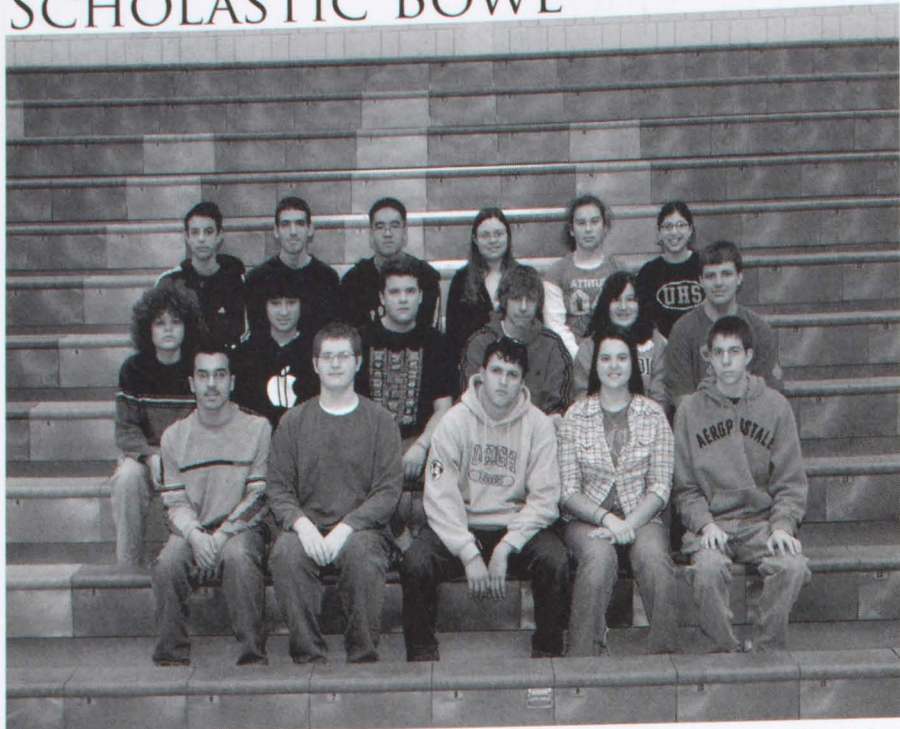
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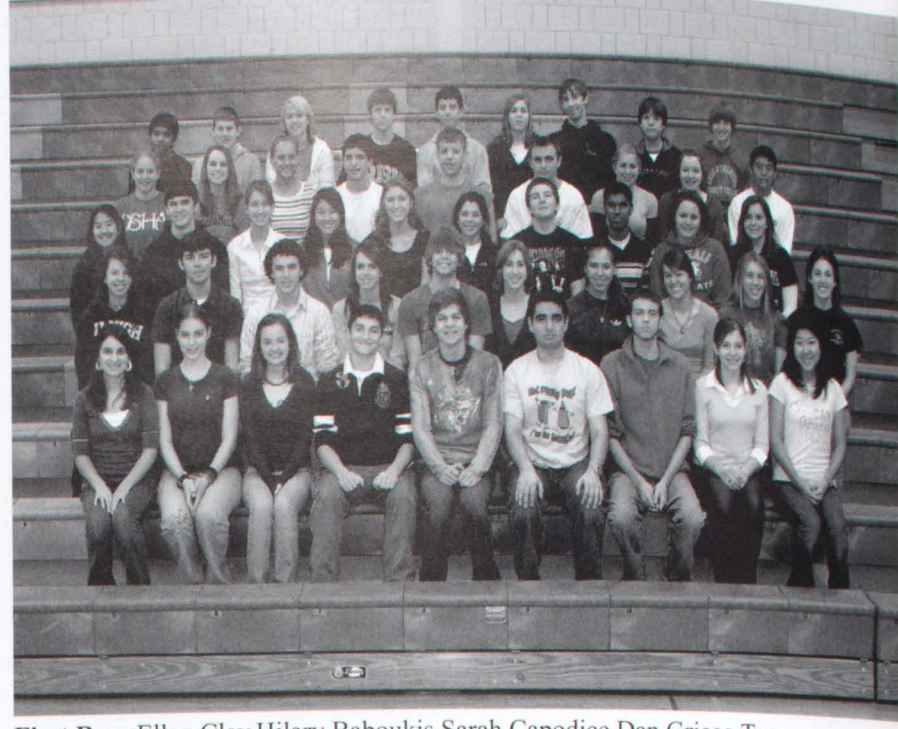
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SCHOLASTIC BOWL



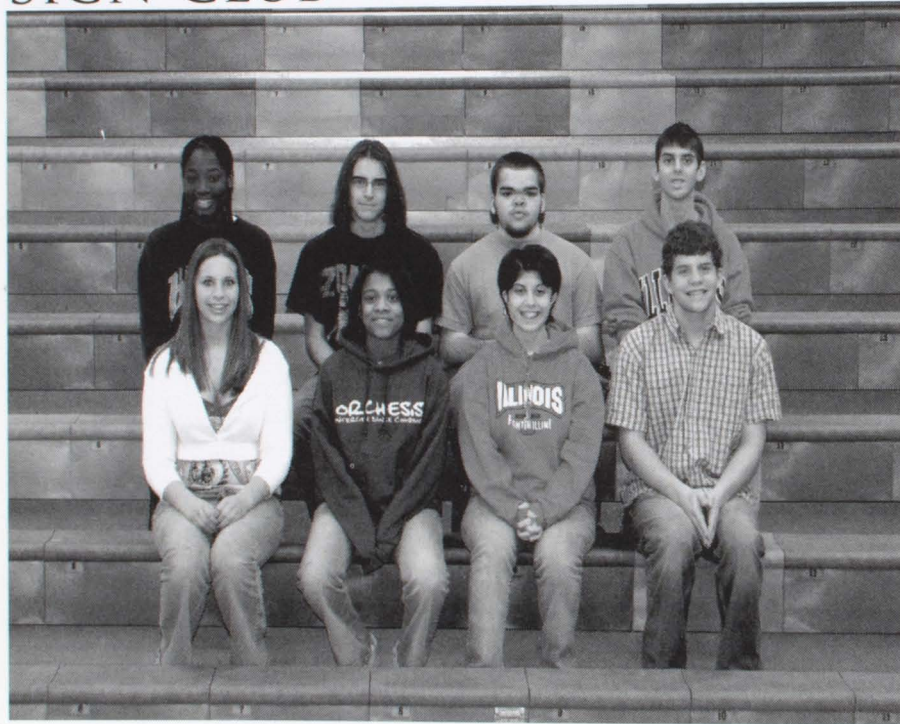
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SENATE



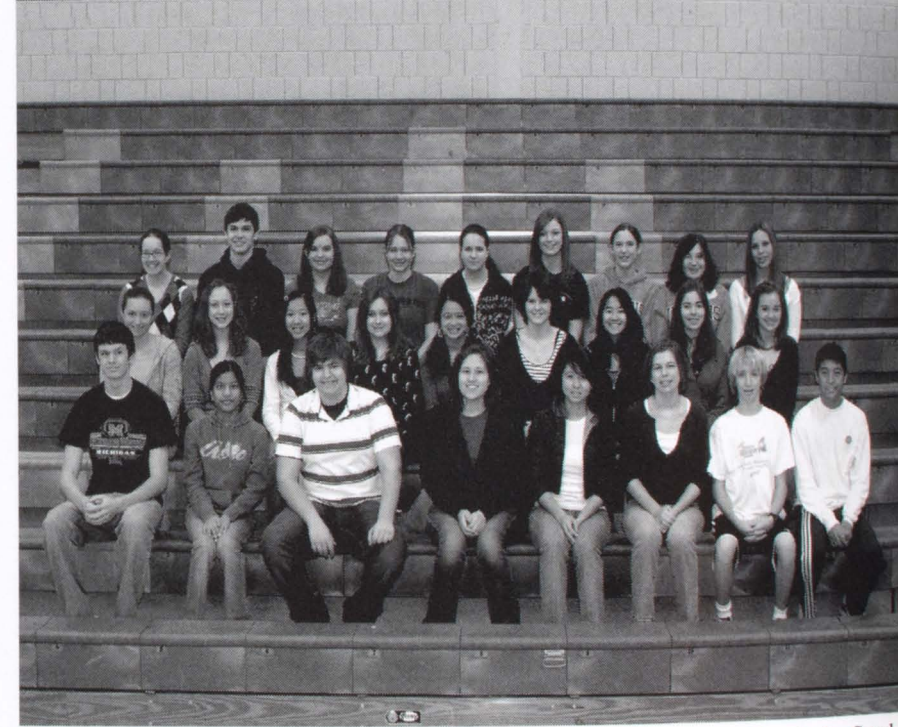
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SIGN CLUB



First Row: Olivia Eson, Sierra Anders, Ashlee Hospelhorn, Keith Graden **Second Row:** Jasmine Gibs, Dan Eggena, Jake Rutledge, Jeff McKinzie

SPEECH



First Row: Vinny Melchiorri, Ila Sruti, Jim Krajewski, Megan Schini, Mandie Le, Sarah Morris, Kirk Saunders, Andre Aung **Second Row:** Ryanne Gorsuch, Maggie Blaney, Christine Do, Laura Smith, Kasey Le, Kaitlyn Nibbelin, Jessi Nguyen, Hayley Harroun, Sarah Capodice **Third Row:** Maggie Irvin, Michael Quarton, Hannah Krajewski, Andi Scheweers, Paige Blankenship, Candice Cuppini, Chelsey Coombs, Katy Biddle, Olivia Eson

THE SPIANS



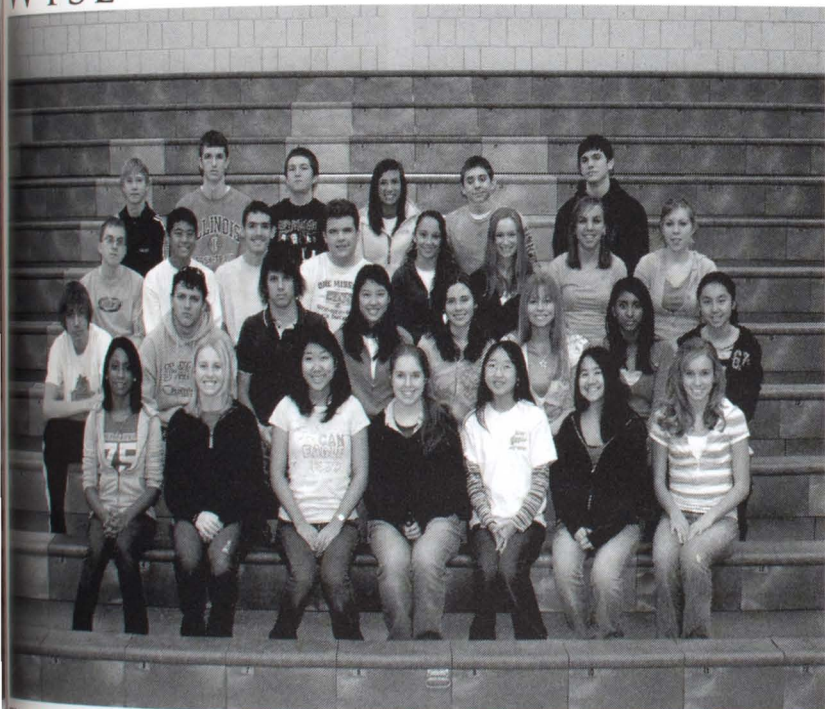
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TSA



First Row: Jairon Crosson, Luke Granning, Eugene Schiller, Derek Dauenbaugh, Zachary Zenter, Brad Slama **Second Row:** Delayne Durdle, Dan Kaufman, Jake Corley, Brandon Hahn **Third Row:** Mr. Colbertson, Matt Vivirito, Jordi Schumacher, Renee Demont, Mr. Dearing

WYSE



First Row: Madhuri Pararashi, Janelle Galloway, Christine Liang, Rachael Bakaitis, Kixi Tian, Jessi Nguyen, Cassie Anderson **Second Row:** Sebastian Grobe, Anthony Duran, Michael Fritz, Cheryl Liang, Rebekah Vaughan, Hannah Lebovitz, Mounika Paravastu, Wen Yang **Third Row:** Tim Foote, Andre Aung, Willy Mettie, Taylor Olson, Danica Taylor, Maria Endsley, Erica Woodall, Kasey Probus **Fourth Row:** Zachary Najasto, Jack Quarton, Kevin Rotsch, Ally Miller, John Busch, Michael Quarton

AND ALL THAT JAZZ



First Row: Samantha Bryden, Lauren Brooks, Kelsey Maffett, Maggie Blaney, Jenny Morrow **Second Row:** Rachel Solava, Catelyn Shaw, Rynne Gorsuch, Michelle Mercier, Ana Jacob, Emily Donnan **Third Row:** Erin Sage, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Ray, Annie Downey, Jessica Busse, Katie Zimmerman

JAZZ GREEN



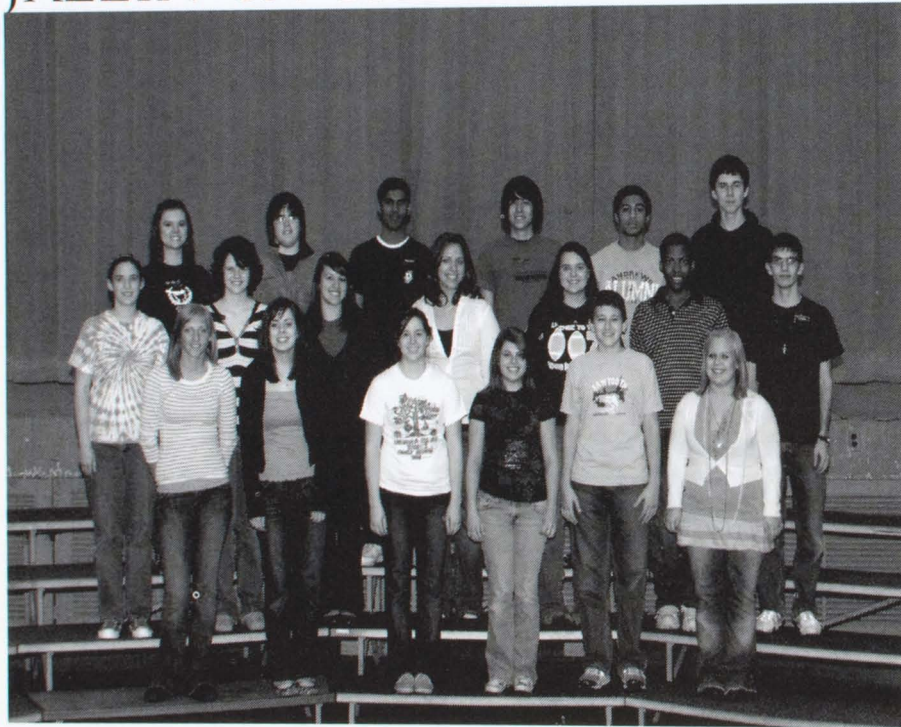
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JAZZ GOLD



First Row: Tess Losada, Jessica Nguyen, Rachel Vazquez, Amanda Lawler, Deann Miller, Vinny Melchiorri **Second Row:** Rylee Russell, Logan Maughan, Nick Geyer, Ian Walling **Third Row:** Kieran Pereira, Nathaniel Murphy, Will Ward, Alex Goebel **Fourth Row:** Austin Stewart, Paul Beckman, Quinn Wilson, Kay Schutte

JAZZIN' IN THE EVENING



First Row: Anna Doran, Lindsey Skaggs, Alaska Andre', Stephanie Sidak, Grant Miller, Sarah Ferry **Second Row:** Chelsey Coombs, Kaitlyn Nibbelin, Justine Harris, Lauren Januzik, Elizabeth Alden, Jeremy Davis, Ian Walling **Third Row:** Molly Brown, Peter Garrett, Neesh Shah, Justin Tanaka, Stefan Brooks, Nick Geyer

MADRIGAL COURT SINGERS



First Row: Jenny Koth, Lauren Brooks, Jessica Swiech, Janelle Weddle, Angie Ostaszewski, Jessica Nguyen, Jenny Morrow, Madeline Andre, Sarah Ferry **Second Row:** Tom Donnan, Alex Scharf, Erin Sage, Anna Doran, Rachel Solava, Emily Donnan **Third Row:** Chelsey Coombs, Dan Grieco **Third Row:** Annie Downey, Craig Hoskins, Stefan Brooks, Elizabeth Ray, Nick Geyer, Matt Stroh, Miriam Ball

MADRIGAL BRASS



First Row: Candice Cuppini, Hannah Lebovitz, Kelsey Maffett **Second Row:** Nathaniel Murphy, Taiyo Wilson, Nick Hutchins, Tim Nash **Third Row:** Abby Hoekstra, Delayne Durdle, Ryan Davis, Meghan Rhoades, Gerrit Hatcher

MADRIGAL RECORDERS



First Row: Hong Nan, Karin Nalefski, XiXi Tian **Second Row:** Amanda Lawler, Ethan Bury, Jasmine Gibs, Deann Miller

MADRIGAL SINGERS



First Row: Stephanie Sidak, Hilary Baboukis, Alaska Andre, Kaitlyn Nibbelin **Second Row:** Jeremy Davis, Peter Garrett, Grant Miller, Molly Brown, Elizabeth Alden, Justin Tanaka, Ryan Woodall, Justine Harris, Sophie Somers, Alex Kraft **Third Row:** Lindsey Skaggs, John Cooper, Quinn Wilson, Taylor Olson

MADRIGAL STRINGS;



First Row: Madhuri Paravastu, Christine Do, Casandra Le, Leah Lancaster **Second Row:** Mounika Paravastu, Heather Wickenhauser, Stephen Gillies, Danielle Fox, Stevie Jankowski **Third Row:** Weikang Sun, Robert Mecherle

Treble Choir

First Row: Chelsey Coombs, Catelyn Shaw, Jessica Byerly, Ryanne Gorsuch, Jade Kestian, Allison Vaughn, Brittany Evans, Ellen Clay, Renee Demont
 Second Row: Becky Smith, Amanda Rehtmeyer, Sarah McCullough, Anna Vaughn, Kristina Cooper, Merryl Clemons, Caroline Lartz, Michelle Fluty, Heather Celis, Liz Massey

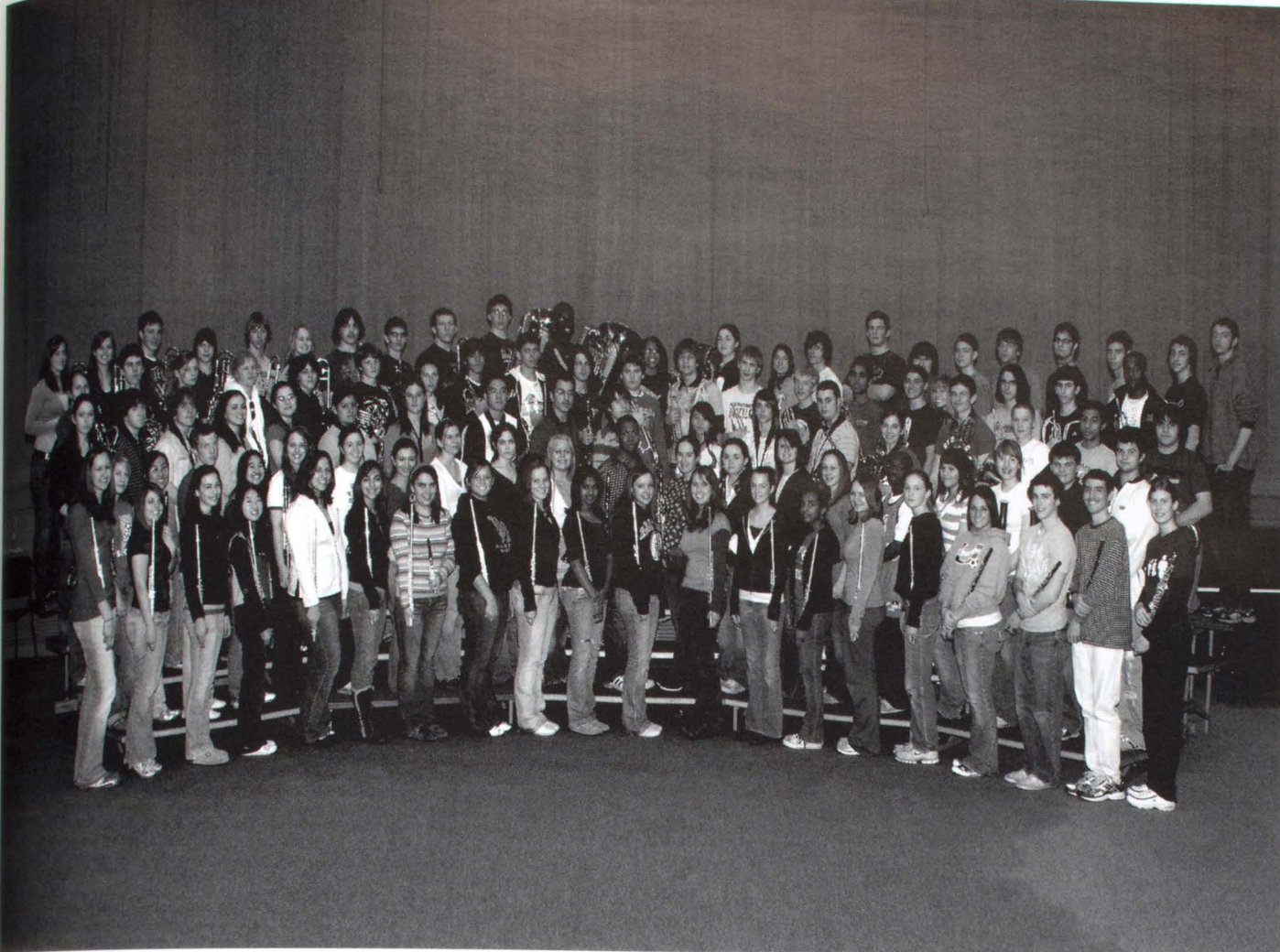


Chorus I

First Row: Bethany Karraker, Kelsey Maffett, Kari Fowler, Laura Smith, Andre Aung, Mack Miner, Aubrey Williamson, Ila Sruti, Danica Taylor, Cecilia Montesdeoca, Christina Parlette, Christine Do
 Second Row: Rachel Shepard, Mary Solberg, Wivine Ngongo, Maggie Blaney, Amanda Lawler, Ryan Lehner, Dan Nibbelin, Bobby Bobbitt, Maddie André, Paige Knippenberg, Sarah Klass, Kathryn Cullen
 Third Row: Taylor Reynolds, Maria Endsley, Rebekah Vaughan, Melissa Kinsella, Taylor Roesch, Breanna Hoskins, Ian Walling, Nathaniel Bass, Marissa Barnes, Katie Zimmerman, Alex Scharf, Sadie Somers, Emily Showers, Rachel Witte
 Fourth Row: Liz Massey, Olivia Castillo, Rose Phipps, Courtney Allen, Jessie Swiech, Olivia Eson, Adam Haile-Marriam, Matt Stroh, Mike Brooks, Seth Stalter, Alexis Bustle, Hana Ayele, Chelsea Gray, Deanna Miller, Alyssa Palmer, Jordan Steinbrueck
 Fifth Row: Kelly Harrell, Annie Nord, Celia Schimelpfenig, Ashley Leffler, Michelle Mercier, Adam Hall, Cody Stultz, David Cooper, Nick Geyer, Austin Nord, Sarah Heimerdinger, Kristen Satchwell, Christine Jolly, Miriam Ball, Jessie Whitman, Mackenzie Olson



CONCERT BAND



First Row: Elizabeth Risius, Stephanie Sidak, Kathryn Hill, Xixi Tian, Lauren Januzik, Tess Losada, Jenny Morrow, Heather Celis, Candis Laesch, Gowtami Rajendran, Kristina Cooper, Rachael Bakaitis, Taylor Kingston, Jessica Gardner, Andrea Schweers, Shannon Bogue, Sarah Wintersteen, Daniel Kaufman, Willy McHie, Elizabeth Ray **Second Row:** Maddy Hayden, Hong Nan, Adam Larson, Jessi Nguyen, Jessica Byerly, Alaska Andre, Melissa Seeborg, Sarah Morris, Meredith Maughan, Sarah Ferry, Jeremy Davis, Maggie Irvin, Carrie Thoennes, Alyson Brucker, Maggie Blaney, Wesley Holloway, Sarah Heimerdinger, Kay Schutte, Peter Siegfried, Ethan Bury **Third Row:** Chelsea Bakaitis, Brandon Diekhoff, Kyle Yarbrough, Amanda Lawler, Deanna Miller, Rachel Vazquez, Miriam Ball, Robert Wan, Adam Haile-Mariam, Bobby Bobbitt, Mandie Le, Paige Durchholz, Jared Cook, Karin Nalefski, Vinny Melchiorri, Zachary Saajasto, Stefan Brooks, Jacob Thacker **Fourth Row:** Kelsey Maffett, Nick Geyer, Candice Cuppini, Kegan Saajasto, Blake Reno, Alex Goebel, Emily Donnan, Taiyo Wilson, Michael Fritz, Nick Hutchins, Nat Murphy, Tony Melchiorri, Kyle Puckett, William Ward, Kieran Pereira, Daniel Grieco, Hannah Lebovitz, Daniel Eggena, Tim Nash, Kevin Forde **Fifth Row:** Meghan Rhoades, Abby Hoekstra, Delayne Durdle, Gerrit Hatcher, Blair Smith, Rylee Russell, Logan Maughan, Ian Walling, Tom Donnan, Paul Beckman, Ryan Davis, Lauren Brooks, Annie Downey, Stevie Jankowski, Jared Park, Scott Blair, Ian Ostaszewski, Alexander Zaitzeff, Cole Griswold, Bradley Slama, Ryan Lehner, Alex Huff, Quinn Wilson

CONCERT CHOIR



First Row: Haley Stuckey, Jessi Nguyen, Angie Ostaszewski, Christine Bass, Megan Schini, Dan Grieco, Alex Kraft, Ky Bailey, Grant Miller, Sophie Somers, Stephanie Sidak, Mandie Le, Sarah Ferry **Second Row:** Samantha Bryden, Janelle Weddle, Amy Stites, Erin Sage, Ana Jacob, Daniel Vazquez, Matt Skibo, Pete Garrett, Kieran Pereira, Maddy Hayden, Alaska Andre, Carrie Thoennes **Third Row:** Rachel Vazquez, Rachael Bakaitis, Lindsey Skaggs, Katie Erdman, Claire Wazienski, Anna Doran, William Cullen, Kevin Rotsch, Jeremy Davis, Tom Donnan, Adam Larson, Jenny Morrow, Lauren Brooks, Claire Taulbee **Fourth Row:** Lauren Januzik, Emily Stevens, Mika Tanaka, Kristi Stalter, Anna DeGraaf, Molly Brown, Neesh Shah, Jay Scharf, Justin Tanaka, Stefan Brooks, Faith Elliott, Kat Scheck, Katie Klotzbach, Hillary Giesel **Fifth Row:** Annie Downey, Jessica Bogue, Elizabeth Ray, Kaitlyn Nibbelin, Rachel Solava, John Cooper, Alex Rodriguez, Brandon Shaver, Quinn Wilson, Max Chambers, Joe Anhalt, Stephen Gillies, Ryan Woodall, Elizabeth Alden, Emily Donnan, Liz Harbers, Jessica Busse

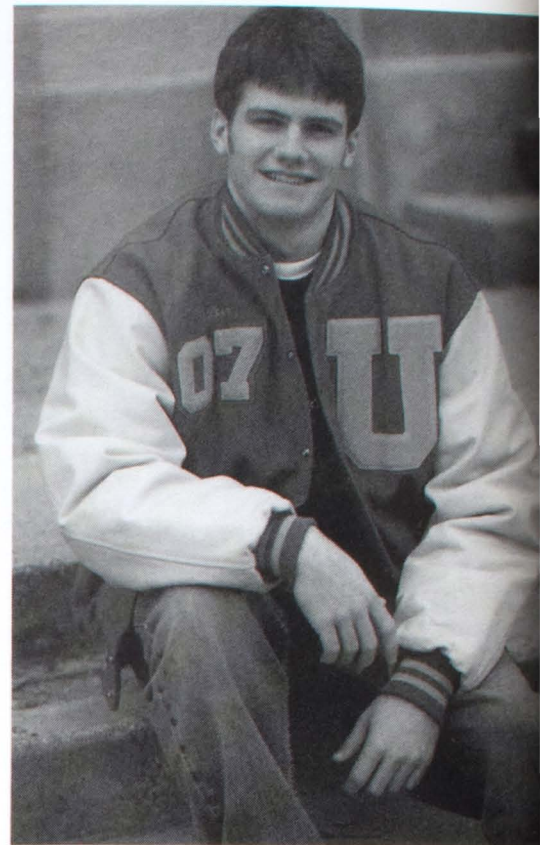
AARON WALKER



“Throughout life you will walk many paths, meet many people, and experience many things. Don’t ever try to change the person you are to meet someone else’s needs. Be yourself -- never stop caring about the things you value in life and never stop striving to be your best.” --Deana Marino

Aaron, the life before you will be a wonderful journey; cherish every step.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Kristin



KYLA YEAGLE



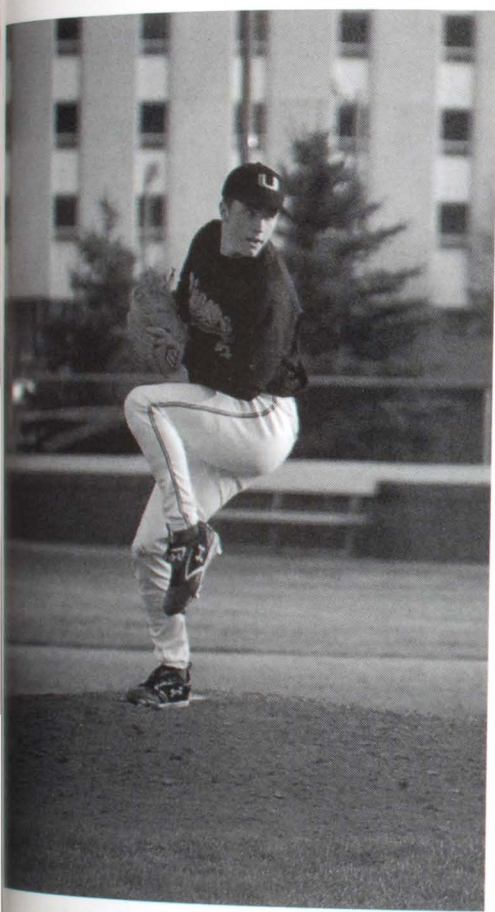
Kyla Noelle,

July 11, 1989 was the day I first received one of life’s most wonderful gifts. Time passes so quickly and you’ve grown from my little girl into an independent young woman; so strong, so smart, and so beautiful. You’ve filled my heart with pride and you’ve filled my life with joy. Congratulations to you as you graduate from high school. I can’t wait to help you celebrate many more achievements in life.

I love you!
Mom

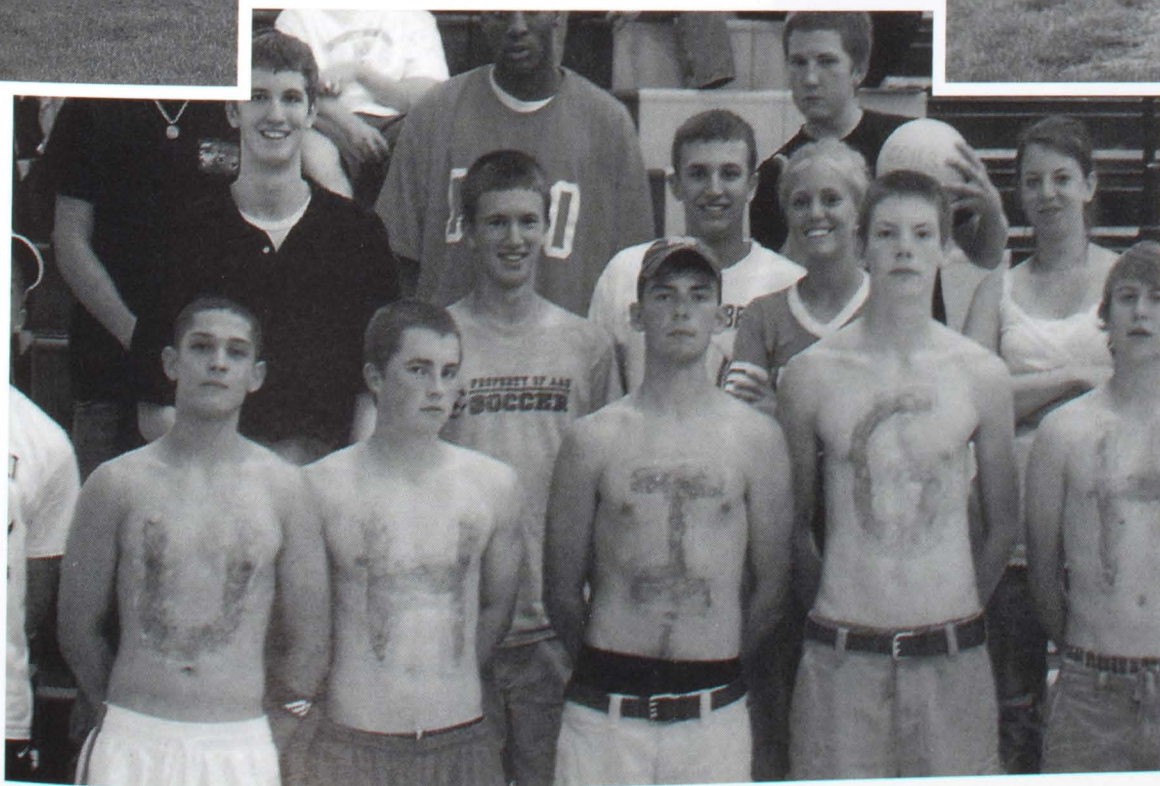


MICHAEL ROTSCH & JAMES LAM



That was then, this is now.
Best of luck!

Mom, Dad, Kevin and Daniel
Mom, Dad, and Bridget



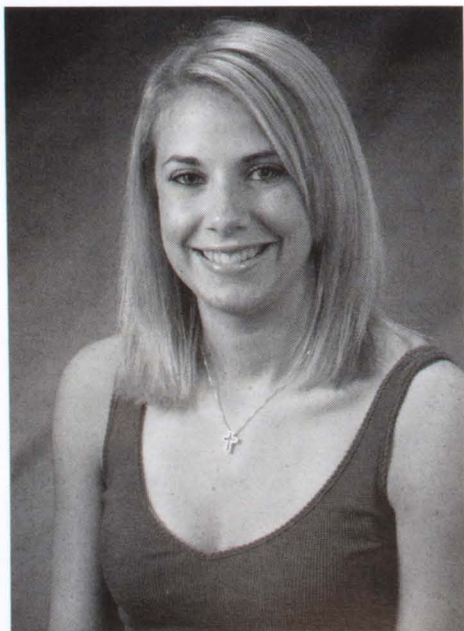
KARIN LEEANN NALEFSKI

“Look at those who are honest and
good, for a wonderful future lies
before those who love peace”
-Psalm 37:37

Honest and good- that's you, Karin!
Blessings today and always!
Remember how much we love you!
Mom, Dad, Gary & Mark



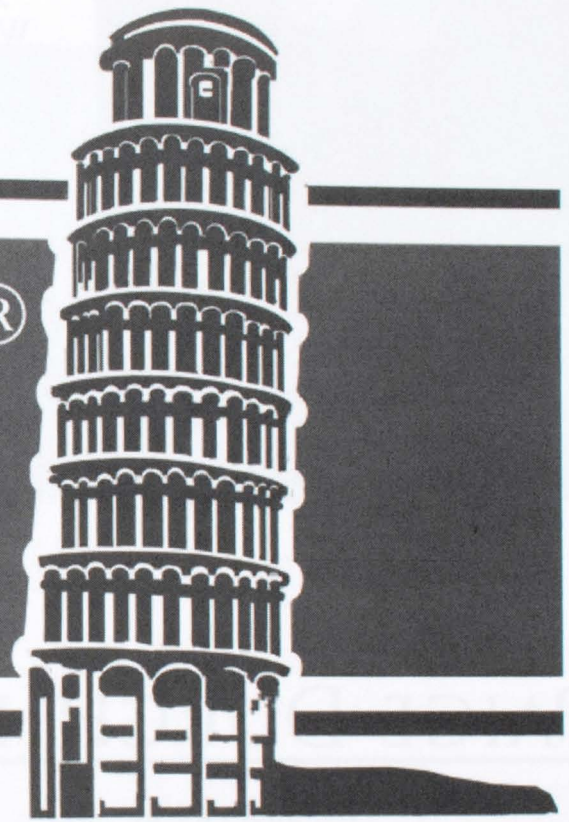
KAITLYN JOHNSON



Kaitlyn,
Wishing you good friends, big dreams, and a bright
future. Remember to bloom where you are planted,
but never stop reaching for the stars. We are proud of
you, Go get 'em!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Annie

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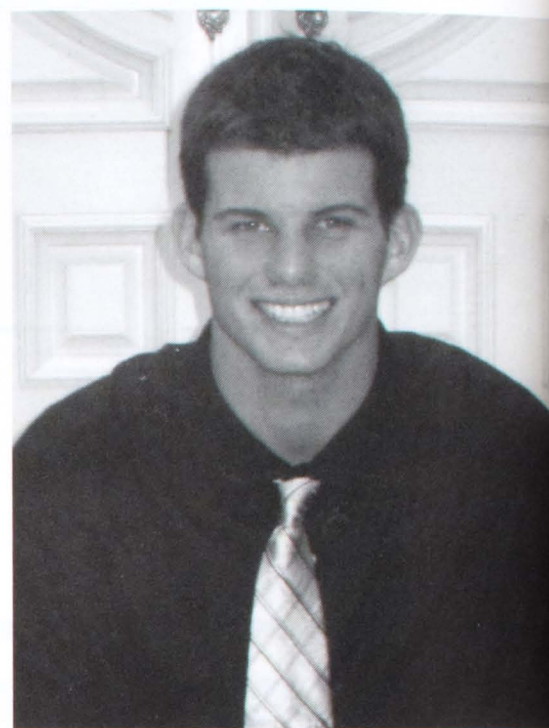
JAKE NORD



Jake-

You have always given us so many reasons to be proud of you. Your accomplishments and your optimistic outlook on life is a true reflection of the outstanding person you have become. You are completing part of your journey. Good luck at Illinois Wesleyan, which is another stepping-stone for you. Your family is your foundation and we love you very much.

Mom and Dad



PAIGE DURCHHOLZ

Alexandra Paige-

Congratulations!

The best is yet to come.
And when you get the choice
to sit out or dance,
we hope you dance...
we hope you dance.
Love always,
Dad and Mom



KATIE DOYLE

Congratulations Katie!

We are so very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. We know that you will succeed in college as well as the rest of your life.
We love you - Mom and Dad



JOE ANHALT

Joe,
May the rest of the ride
be long and rich with
love, joy and fulfill-
ment.

Love,
Mom & Dad



KATIE GIESEL

“Don’t let anyone look down on you
because you are young but set an
example for the believers in speech,
in life, in faith and in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

Katie, we are all so proud of you.

May all your dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad and Hillary



SARAH FERRY

This was your first day
of school. Four more
years and you’ll have
your own classroom!

Good Luck,
Love Mom



KATE DESSA

“What lies behind us and what lies
before us are tiny matters compared
to what lies within us.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

“The future belongs to those who
believe in teh beauty of their
dreams.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

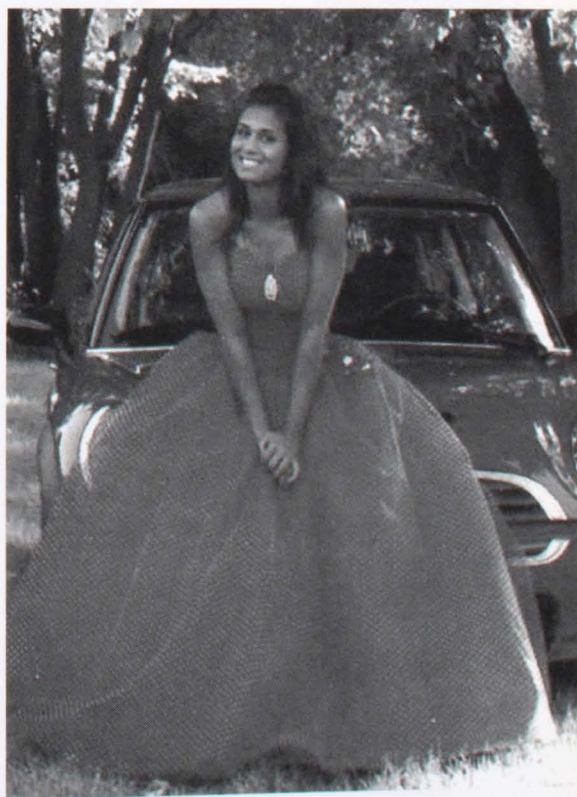
“Be the change you wish to see in
the world.”

Gandhi

Kate,
May these wise words inspire your
path through life.

You have been our joy

Mom and Dad



HILARY BABOUKIS

Hilary, tu as beaucoup travaillé,
beaucoup lutté, et grandement réussi.
Nous sommes tellement fiers de tous
tes accomplissements !

Lance-toi bien dans ta vie de
« grande gosse. »

Bises,
Papa, Maman, et Greg



SARAH FERRY

Purr-fect Advice-

- Pursue your dreams
- Be strong
- Be yourself
- Be independent
- Be happy
- Be friendly
- Relax

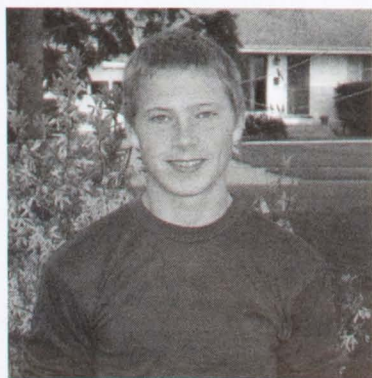
Love, Saki Ferry



ZACHARY SAAJASTO

Zachary Clark,
you are a star! Con-
gratulations and happy
adventures and bound-
less love to you!!!

Isä, Reijo, Kegan and
Mom

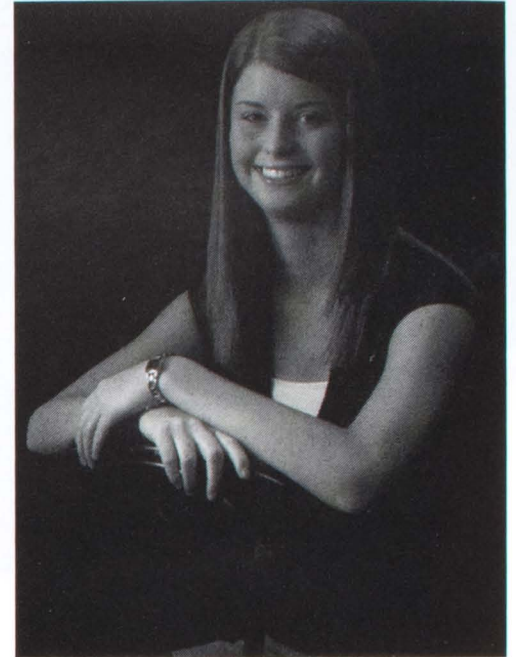


CAITLIN TRUTY

Caitlin-

We are proud of you! Best of luck at
Purdue and remember to always be
the best that you can be.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Zach, Majerle and
Phoenix



DUSTY KOTH

Dusty-

We are very proud of your academic
and golf accomplishments, but even
more so of your good choices. Con-
tinue to pray, smile and do your best!

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Jenny, Dylan, and Dallas



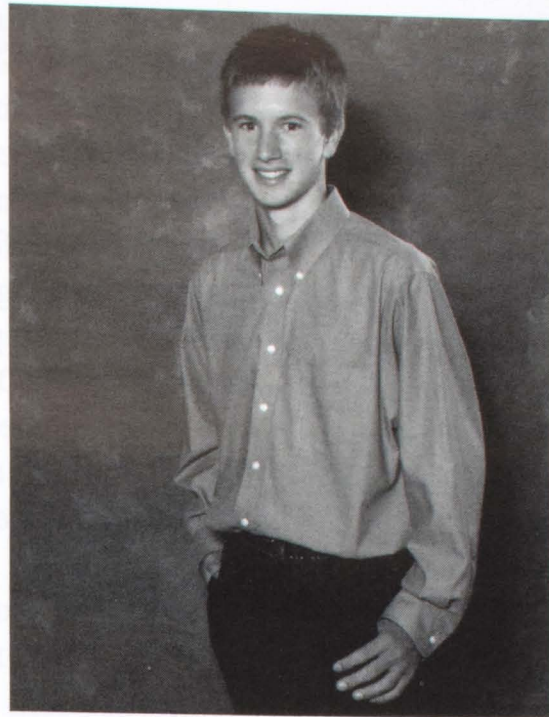
JOE BERNHARDT



"We must realize there is no station in this life, no one earthly place to arrive at once and for all. **The journey is the joy...** Yesterday's a memory; tomorrow's a dream. Yesterday belongs to God. Yesterday's a fading sunset; tomorrow's a faint sunrise. Only today is there light enough to love and live..."

Joseph, we are proud of you!!

Love,
Mom, Dad



MEGHAN RHOADES

Meghan,

We are so proud of all you have accomplished! You are a beautiful young lady and our delight.

We love you!
Dad, Janette and Matt



"Studio In The Wood"

MICHELLE EACK

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Love,
Mom, Dad and Michael



COLOPHON

It was a lovely Saturday morning... oh wait it was a blistering 90 degrees outside and seven of us were cramming into a red ISU van to begin our adventure to yearbook camp. Which we later on called "fat camp" because we were too embarrassed to tell people where we really went. On our four hour drive to Indiana University there was yelling, singing, arguing, and the noise of Aaron Burnett clipping his finger nails. By our first potty break, at McDonalds, we had already been sat down and told we need to be mature and get along. We just rolled our eyes and continued to resent the idea of having to spend the entire year being co-editors.

When we finally arrived at camp we realized that it wasn't all we thought it was going to be. Our classes were basically review sessions since we were going on our second year of working on the yearbook. By the middle of the week we were bored and had found fun ways to entertain ourselves. We were late for every class because we were venturing around campus and getting lost. But we still managed to decide on a theme, layout, and cover idea. Don't get us wrong, camp was a good experience. We were able to get to know our staff better and learn how to deal with each other with the help of Mr. Conant reminding us we weren't friends every ten minutes.

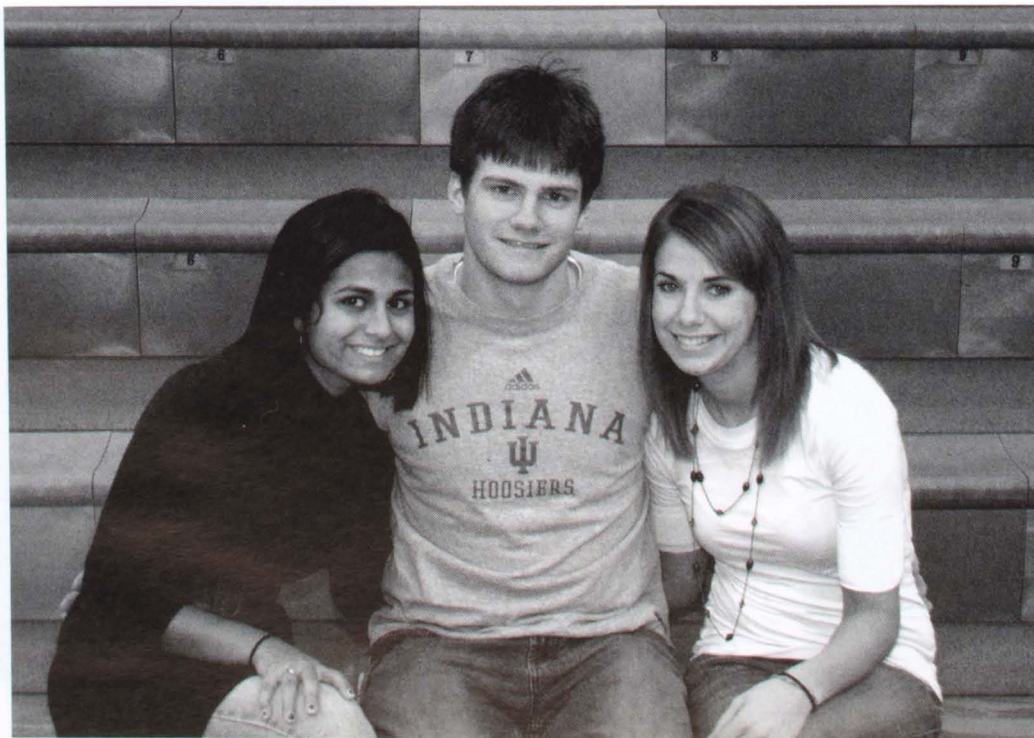
When we got back to school we were ready to do this yearbook by ourselves, but soon realized that we needed help from our staff. Thanks to Aaron Walker we were able to make a magazine and cover.

He was always there to help us with any other design or program problems we had. We also were able to look to Michelle Eack and Rachel Solava for well written stories always on time. While we were busy designing pages, trying to make deadline (and usually missing it) Aaron, Michelle, and Rachel, as well as many others in the journalism class, were able to pick up our slack.

Countless hours outside of class were spent not only by the staff, but other journalism students to help put the yearbook together. Spending time together after school, and having Mr. Conant remind us regularly that we weren't friends anymore, forced us to quickly become best friends for the second time. Conant was proud that he had reunited "The Kates" once again.

Making this yearbook has taught us that it's not just about writing stories and designing pages, but the relationships you make on the way. We got to know people that we never thought we would and realized that the saying is true: "Through these halls walk the greatest students in the world."

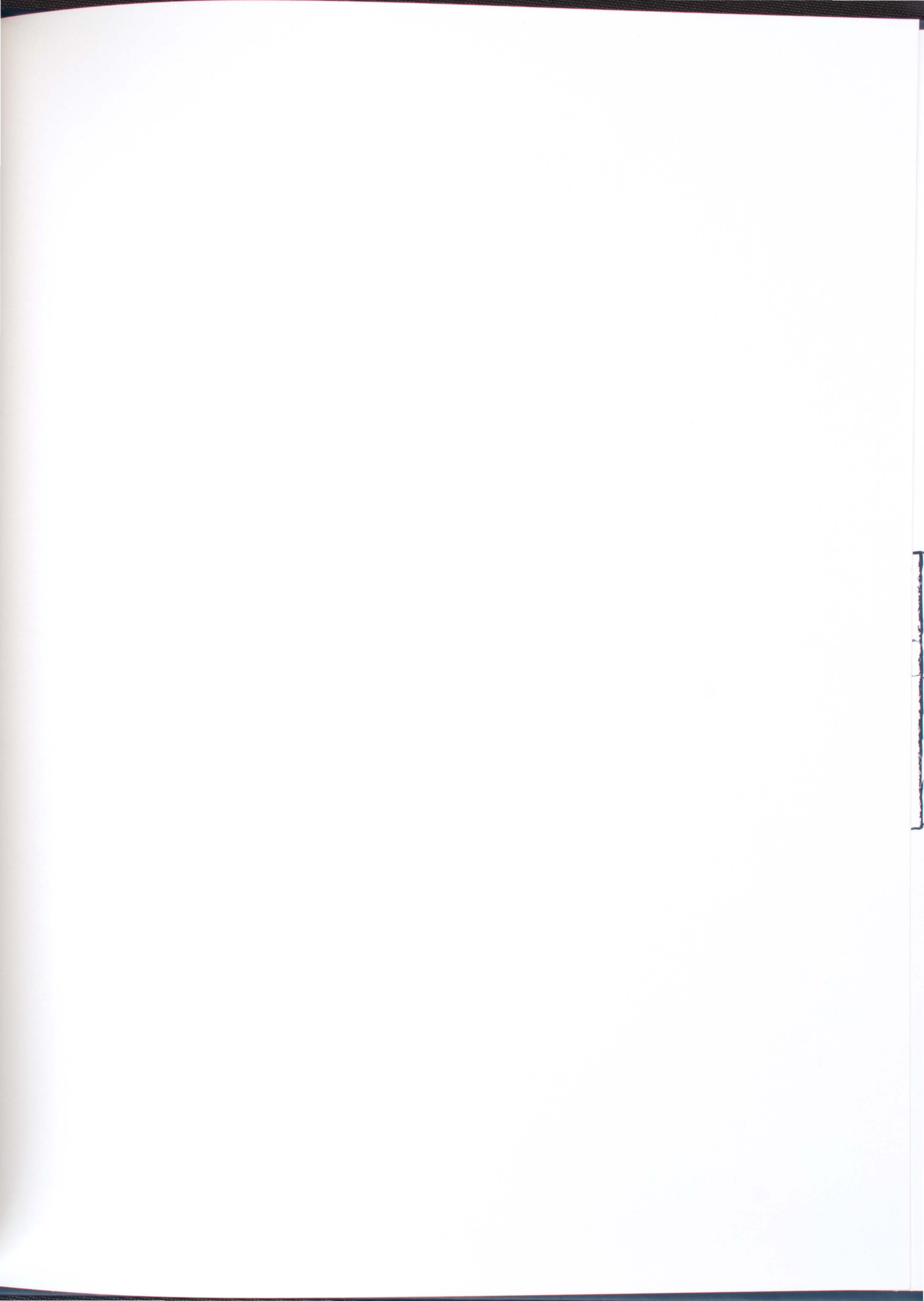
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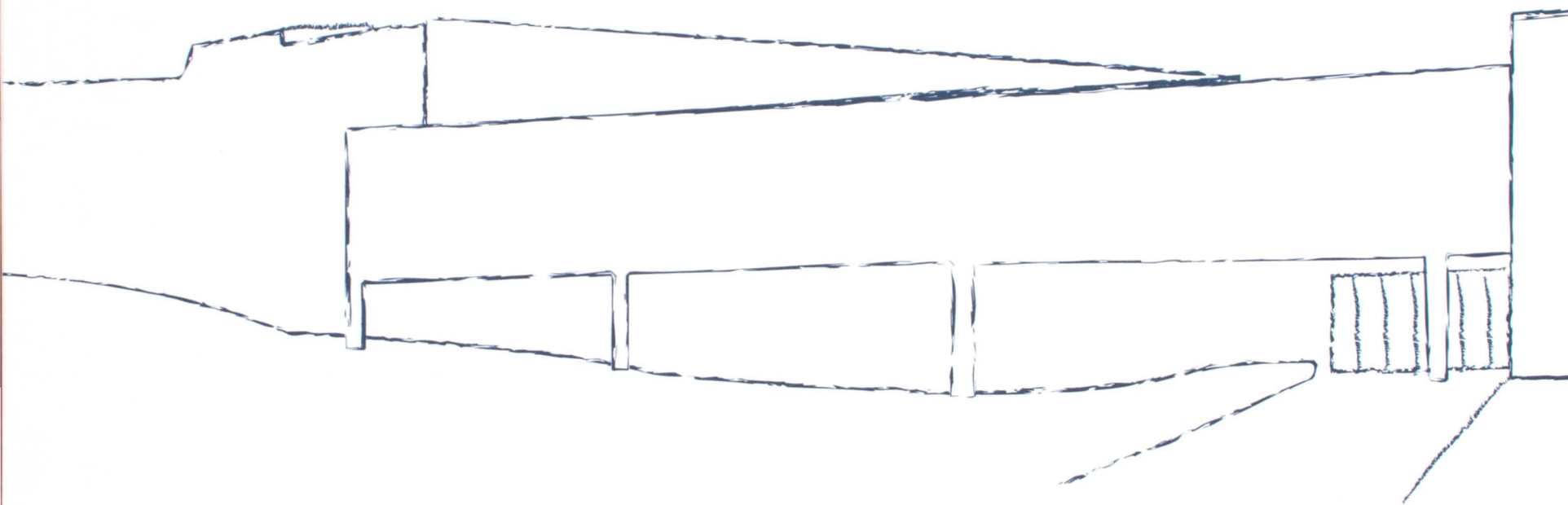


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